

Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter

Next Meeting: March 27, 2018

Save Your Family History Part II: Publishing Your Family History by Debbe Tipping



Speaker: Debbe Tipping

Publishing your family history is important. It can be shared with your immediate family as well aunts, uncles, and cousins. By contributing your published history to genealogical libraries, your work will be available to researchers for generations to come, and not lost to the mists of time. Debbe Tipping will survey the tools and resources available for publishing your family history, including simple photocopying and binding at a local copy store, printing e-books, printing photo books, on-demand printing, posting on web sites, and providing through paid book publishers.

Debbe Tipping is the current Vice President of the Austin Genealogical Society. She has taught classes for AGS and others on the “why’s and how-to’s” of genealogical publishing. Digital publishing is fast-changing. Debbe will bring her insights on the costs and impact of the latest approaches to publishing your family history.



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AGS 2018 QUARTERLY SUMMER ISSUE DEADLINE MAY 21

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AGS March Conversation Starter: Most Treasured

6:30 p.m. Doors Open
7:00 p.m. Presentation begins
Highland Park Baptist Church
[5206 Balcones, Austin, TX 78731](#)

Welcome New Members!

Carol Darst
William Hoskins
Holly Marie Howard
James Michalski
Karen Miles
Dee Yvette Payne
Lisa Reed
Ted Richardson
Margie Rine
Caroline Sinclair
Laurie Thelen
Robert Westmoreland

The Genetic Genealogist

Blaine T. Bettinger,
Ph.D., J.D.



brings DNA to your genealogy toolbox

May 11 - 12, 2018

at the Commons Learning Center, Austin

A seminar from the *Austin Genealogical Society*
Please reserve early!!!! for this dynamic speaker.

Blaine T. Bettinger, author of two books on genetic genealogy and the outstanding blog, *The Genetic Genealogist*, is the premier genealogist applying DNA to genealogy searches.

Ancestral Photo (continued)

If you could save only one old photograph in your family history archive, which would it be? Perhaps this photo will appear in your own published family history. For a second month, "Your Most Treasured Ancestral Photo" will be our March AGS conversation starter. Feel free to bring to the March 27th meeting any family photos - whether framed or printed from a computer scan - to "show and tell."

We're all looking forward to our March 27th speaker Debbe Tipping's "Save Your Family History Part II: Publishing Your Family History." Please come to the meeting early to share these family treasures, your research news, and snacks.

The social/networking half-hour begins at 6:30 pm. See you there!

AGS Education Instructors

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

Perhaps more important, he is *the* outstanding teacher in this field and has helped countless genealogists find their way to applying DNA to solve family mysteries. Let him show you the path.

Blaine and the *Austin Genealogical Society* are presenting two Friday (May 11) afternoon workshops and a full Saturday (May 12) seminar at the Commons Learning Center in north Austin.

The workshops - Friday, May 11:

Each workshop: \$25 members / \$30 non-members

Advanced third-party tools 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Visual phasing 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

[Registration/More Information](#)

The seminar - Saturday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cost \$50 for AGS members / \$70 for non-members.

Optional box lunch is \$15.

Using autosomal DNA to solve mysteries

Using third-party tools to analyze autosomal DNA

The danger of distant matches

Begging for spit

[Registration/More Information](#)

AGS Member Photos From February Conversation Starters

Thanks to those members who brought family photos to the last meeting as part of the "Genealogy Conversation Starters" program. We thought you'd like to see some photos people have shared with us for the newsletter.

Provided by Erin Garcia:

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 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



Conrad Hernleben



Britton Women

Provided by Betty Downes McCreary:



Downes Family

Provided by Debbe Tipping:



Eastman Family

meetings is always available on the website [here](#).

AGS Board Meeting Minutes

You can now 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, April 4, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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

On April 3rd we will review chapters 3 and 4 of the book, *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](#)



Daniel Orson Felch



Sigrid Chrisman circa 1912

Provided by Robin Raben:



Ruth Annabelle
Harshman 1946



George Wilbur Harshman
and wife Velma Lois
(Anderson) circa 1922



Velma Lois Anderson circa 1907

Early Photography Reference for Genealogists - For Free!

Author Sean Nolan reached out to let our members know about this new book which might be a good companion for those with family photographs from unknown periods.



AGS Writing SIG

***Second Tuesday of
every month - no
meeting in December
Tuesday, April 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 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.

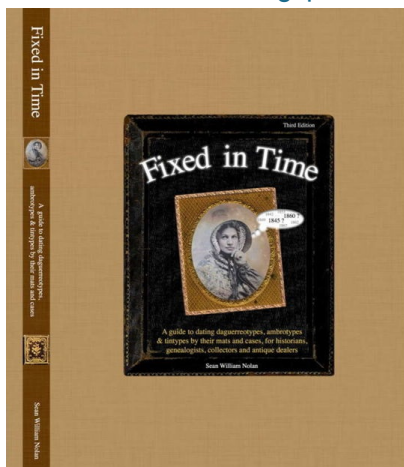
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facebook group:** [Austin
Genealogical Society
Writing SIG](#) (closed
group) - join us on
Facebook to keep
informed on Writing SIG
meeting locations and
dates, new ideas for
writing topics and classes.

[More Information](#)

AGS 2018 Meeting Calendar

Sean says, "I'm writing to tell you about a free reference that might be of interest to your genealogical society. I've recently written a book dating 19th century daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, and cased tintypes. My book "Fixed in Time", which is available as a free PDF, illustrates a thousand daguerreotype, ambrotype or tintype mat and case styles, each dated according to the years they were used. Some mats and cases were used for only a brief time, allowing you to date some early photographs to within a year. The dates provided are based on my own research, a five-year labor of love, where I located nearly 5,000 objectively dated early photographs.

You can get 'Fixed in Time' at fixedintimebook.blogspot.com/



This book would not have been possible without the assistance of the many institutions, collectors and antique dealers who shared their expertise and their dated images, provided illustrations, and made many suggestions and corrections. Thank you, all."



DNA and Genealogy

Preparation for Blaine T. Bettinger's Seminar in May by AGS Board Member Debbe Tipping

Ethnicity estimates -- we looked at them last month -- come from autosomal DNA testing. They are **not** accurate and can't be used to prove relationships. But the actual DNA results are incredibly useful. Here's a quick review.

Meeting

calendar: austintxgensoc.org/monthly-meetings/

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](http://5206Balcones.com), [Austin, TX 78731](http://Austin,TX78731)

Mar 27 Save Your Family History Part I: Publishing Your Family History by Debbe Tipping

Apr 24 Finding Treasures Buried in the 1900 through 1940 Census Records by Teresa Devine

May 22 The U.S. Census Part I: The Impact of the 2020 Census on Genealogy by Dr. Steve Murdock

Jun 24 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 Changes by Alan Rabe

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

Our DNA comes from 46 chromosomes. There are two copies of each chromosome, so 23 pairs of chromosomes. The first 22 pairs of chromosomes are our autosomes, which make up our autosomal DNA. Testing companies look at those first 22 pairs of chromosomes and the X chromosome. Pair 23 is the sex chromosomes, the X and/or Y chromosomes. They are not part of autosomal DNA even though the testing company uses the X chromosome in its testing.

Let's say Company A picks certain segments of those 22 pairs of autosomal chromosomes to test. Every test at Company A looks at those identical segments. When they test your DNA, they're comparing your results to the results of everyone else in their database, but not to the results in other databases. Can you compare DNA results from different companies? It depends upon the testing company you used.

There are third-party tools/websites that can help you compare the results from two different companies to help you look at all of your family's DNA in one place. If you want to compare results from two companies, it's easiest to use the options from your own testing company, if they offer them. Other websites know which company tested which chromosome segments and can make matches where there is overlap.

Hopefully, from Company A's database, you will receive a list of possible cousins ranging from first cousins to third or fourth cousins.

DNA doesn't lie. That's both the good and bad news. DNA confirms or denies. If you don't recognize the names of your first cousins, and you thought you knew who they all were, there was a child born somewhere in your extended family that you -- and possibly everyone else -- have not been told about. Before you think that this won't happen to you, recognize that it may. This is one true consequence of DNA testing . . . finding things you were not intended to know.

Go back and look at your first and second cousins. Do you recognize their names? If you do, they should be in your family tree somewhere. If they aren't in your family tree, go ahead and contact them to find out where they belong in

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

Membership Account

Did you know that once you have logged into the AGS website that you can see your account history? Click on the "Member Account" button at the top right and you will find your membership status, your login name and email address, and your past transactions with AGS. You can update your email address from this screen.

AGS 2018 Class Schedule

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

Saturday, Mar 24 10:00 a.m. - noon

AGS/AGE FOURTH SATURDAY CLASS

Learn how to Add Treasures to Your Genealogy from Ancestry's Collections
AGE Computer Lab

your tree. Remember, DNA doesn't lie. You are related. If the third and fourth cousins identified by DNA aren't in your family tree, they are still related to you and will fit in somewhere.

Be prepared for a lack of response if you contact DNA relatives. Many people submit DNA to find out their ethnicity and could care less about genealogy. You may be contacting a newbie who is incredibly confused. You may also contact an expert and be confused by their questions. Don't lose heart.

There is a limitation with autosomal tests. They can only look back so far. Fourth cousins are generally it. There is a complicated reason for it. If you plan to use autosomal DNA to help you fill in gaps in your family tree, testing the oldest generation is your best option for finding matches.

There is so much more to learn from autosomal DNA. Intermediate and advanced topics are covered in Blaine T. Bettinger's and Debbie Parker Wayne's book [Genetic Genealogy in Practice](#). Read chapter five for more details.

If you are interested in learning more about DNA, AGS has a DNA SIG (Special Interest Group) that meets the first Wednesday of each month. They are studying the book *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy* by Blaine T. Bettinger. [Click here](#) for more information. And don't forget that Blaine is the presenter at our annual seminar in May.

If you would like to read the other DNA articles published in this series, [click here](#).

Special thanks to AGS member Reneé Lasswell for her helpful suggestions for this article.

Non-AGS Upcoming Events



Legacy Family Tree Webinar 2018 Series

Choose from 106 classes from genealogy's leading

[3710 Cedar St., Austin,
78705](#)

With nearly thirty-three thousand record collections, and millions of records, many of us have yet to tap the vast storehouse of information available through Ancestry.com. From vital records, to newspapers, to church records and more, these are records you won't see from Ancestry's front page or an "All Collections" search. You'll learn how Ancestry's collections can help you discover more about your family and add to your tree.

This computer-lab-based class is free to you as a member of the Austin Genealogical Society and is co-sponsored by Austin Groups for the Elderly.

[Registration/More
Information](#)

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

Master Genealogist Jean Shroyer helps break through brick walls at our monthly AGS meetings! And, feel free to send your brick walls for posting in the newsletter to [newsletter@
austintxgensoc.org](mailto:newsletter@austintxgensoc.org) or post it to our Facebook page, "Austin Genealogical Society

educators on topics ranging from Jamestown to England, from DNA to online privacy, and from Geni and MyHeritage to Legacy.

[More Information](#)



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](#)

San Antonio Missions Bus Tour

Hosted by the Thankful Hubbard Chapter of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution)

April 7, 8:30 a.m.

Meet at the Texas Associates office building, 1120

Capital of Texas Hwy South, Austin, TX, 78746

Cost: \$65 per person (open to anyone interested)

The Thankful Hubbard Chapter of DAR is planning a bus tour for April 7th. This tour will highlight the four San Antonio Missions located on the EL CAMINO REAL de TEJAS as the Chapter commemorates the 100th anniversary of the DAR marking of the historic trail.

Contact Janan at janangrissom@mac.com or Rebecca at

Members helping
Members.”

Local Genealogy Meetings and Resources

Austin Gen SIG, next meeting March 10, 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 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

rebeccakohout@gmail.com for more information.



Texas Czech Genealogical Society (TCGS)

Genealogy Research Workshop

April 20 - 21, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

[Caldwell Civic and Visitor Center, 103 Texas Hwy 21 W.,
Caldwell, Tx](#)

The Texas Czech Genealogical Society (TCGS) would like to invite the members of the Austin Genealogical Society to attend. This workshop is open to anyone wanting to research their family history, learn how to use internet sources, translate documents, use research books emphasizing Czech immigrants and Czech Republic maps, including Cadastral maps, search for ancestors in the Czech Republic Archives, get individual help with genealogy questions, dating old photos and much more.

Registration is \$20 per person for one or both days (please register by April 13th).

To register by mail: print a registration form from the Texas Czech Genealogical Society (TCGS) website (<http://txczgs.org/>). Lunch is on your own. You do not have to be a TCGS member to attend. The Texas Czech Genealogical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

[Registration](#)

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)

DNA Funnies:

Can a first cousin once removed be returned?

A cousin a day keeps the boredom away.

A great party is when everyone joins in the gene pool.



**National Genealogical Society
2018 Family History Conference
May 2-5
Grand Rapids, Michigan
"Paths to Your Past"**

Choose from more than 175 lectures presented by many nationally recognized speakers, explore an exhibit hall filled with more than 80 exhibitors, and network with over 2,000 genealogists. Every NGS conference has a different theme with a new program top to bottom - so there is always much new to learn and discover.

[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](#)

Blumberg-Elley-Kaiser-Koepsel Reunion

Submitted by AGS Member Andrea Burkhardt

The Blumberg- Elley- Kaiser- Koepsel Reunion will be held on April 21-22, 2018 in McQueeney, TX.

We are trying to update the 1938 Carl F. Blumberg Clan/Ancestry Book, which listed all the Blumberg descendants at the time. Nearly every one of the descendants now was born in 1938 or after! We are asking each descendant to fill out a Family Group form and return it to me so they can be added to the tree! An example Family Group form can be found at this [link](#).

One of our German cousins is planning to attend and we are so excited that he is making the trip!

The reunion is for the descendants of Carl F. Blumberg and Catherine (Ruff) Blumberg and their six children (one remained in Germany) who landed at Indianola, TX in the 1850's. They settled in Seguin, McQueeney, New Braunfels, Fredericksburg and other small towns in Texas.

1. Julius F. Blumberg (spouse-Caroline Hartung)- who went to New Orleans and then to California- San Francisco area and then to Santa Ana
2. Albertine "Bertha" (Blumberg) Kaiser (spouse-Carl Kaiser) -Guadalupe and Comal Counties, TX
3. August Blumberg (spouse-Bertha Runde) remained in Hannover, Germany
4. Henriette (Blumberg) Elley (spouse- Rev Gus Elley (von Elterlein) -Guadalupe and Comal Counties, TX
5. Fritz A. Blumberg (spouse- Emma Rosa Weisbach) Seguin, Guadalupe and Comal Counties, TX
6. Ernest Blumberg (spouse- Margarete Zipp) - Seguin, New Braunfels area, Guadalupe and Comal Counties, TX
7. Hulda (Blumberg) Koepsel (Michel Koepsel) - Seguin, McQueeney, New Braunfels area

February Meeting Recap

Topic: Preserve Your Family's History for Future Generations

Speaker: Emily Higgs

Meeting Attendance: 71

Welcome guests!

Ailana Larson, Lanna Johnson, Nikki Deathe, and Carolyn

Nash

February volunteers: Audrey Poche (greeter), Shelley Augustin, Laura Stephenson, Sam Martin, and Susan Tyler (snacks), Louis and Diana Sellers (clean up)

Helping at sign in table was Gary & Kathy Pemberton.



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