

Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter

Next Meeting: May 22, 2018

The U.S. Census Part I: The Impact of the 2020 Census on Genealogy @ Highland Park Baptist Church by Dr. Steve Murdock



Speaker: Dr. Steve Murdock

Dr. Steve H. Murdock served as Director of the U.S. Bureau of the Census beginning in 2007 to 2009, having been nominated for the position by President Bush and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

He is currently the Allyn R. and Gladys M. Cline Professor of Sociology at Rice University. Prior to his appointment at Rice, Dr. Murdock was the Lutcher Brown Distinguished Chair in Demography and Organization Studies at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) and the Director of the Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research.

Earlier, Dr. Murdock was a Regents Professor and Head of the Department of Rural Sociology at Texas A&M University. He was also the official State Demographer of Texas, the first person to occupy that position.

Dr. Murdock is the author or editor of 15 books and more than 150 articles and technical reports on the implications



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AGS 2018 QUARTERLY SUMMER ISSUE DEADLINE MAY 21

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AGS May conversation starter

Our May 22nd meeting's conversation starter will be "Your U.S. Census

of current and future demographic and socioeconomic change.

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 Foster, Lauren Gribble, Lucien Hughes,
Dana Leeds, Deborah Peters,
Jean Smoorenburg, and Lena Truster

Help us clean up the Hogg lot in Oakwood Cemetery

When: Wednesday, May 30, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Oakwood Cemetery, 1601 Navasota St., Austin, TX 78702

A cemetery clean up is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, starting at 10 am. Meet at the Hogg lot, where Governor Jim Hogg and his children were laid to rest. Bring a rake or a push mower or a weed eater or plastic lawn clipping bags. Best to enter from the east gate, off of Comal street. There is a west gate directly off the I-35 frontage road but it is a bit challenging with traffic and it is a very sharp 90 degree turn.

Contact James Bridges bridgwork@aol.com for questions.

AGS' own Jane Schwendinger on Fox news

Discoveries...Or
Unsolved Mysteries."

Perhaps you've uncovered the names of an earlier generation in a U.S. census. Perhaps finding your great-grandfather's country of origin and immigration year led you to ancestors on another continent.

Or maybe you've not been to locate him on any census, no matter how carefully you've searched.

For example, does your great-grandfather have such a common name that you can't pinpoint him among several possibilities? Or does he not appear at all?

Or perhaps he somehow appears twice on the same census!

Share your census finds - and frustrations! - on the Conversation Poster, and free to discuss your research with others.

Join us at 6:30 on May 22nd for a half hour of snacks and socializing before Dr. Steven Murdock's talk, "The Impact of the 2020 Census on Future Genealogy."

AGS on FaceBook

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You have probably seen the news report about how the identity of the "Golden State Killer" was discovered after 40 years by the FBI, who used DNA evidence to find family members using the free GEDmatch genealogical website and ultimately making an arrest. Did you know that AGS member and past President, Jane Schwendinger, was interviewed by Fox news' Bridget Spencer to provide a point of view regarding public DNA websites vs. privacy concerns? The interview was televised on Monday, April 30, See the full interview and report at: <http://www.fox7austin.com/news/local-news/local-genealogical-society-weighs-in-on-site-used-to-capture-suspected-golden-state-killer>

DNA research leads to unknown cousins in the US and Ireland

Submitted by AGS member Earle McBride

My Irish McBride ancestor arrived in the USA around 1870. I had no information on him other than his death in Illinois - when a well that he was digging caved in on him. That was an unusual death and may explain why I am a geologist!

My DNA test identified a previously unknown cousin living in Pennsylvania, from the Penna family. This cousin had family information on the county in Northern Ireland from where his protestant McBride immigrant came. This cousin went to visit the county in Northern Ireland where his immigrant had lived, and got the names and addresses of all the living McBride families in the county from the Postmaster. He then paid to have a male from each family submit a sample for a DNA test. From these samples, he was able to identify our McBride ancestral family.

About 7 years ago I made a visit to Northern Ireland and had a several-day visit with my McBride cousin. Although

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

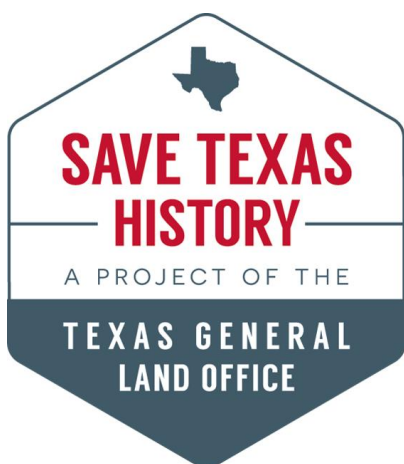
Members interested in writing a personal or family history are encouraged to join this Facebook group and attend the monthly meetings (see below for details.)

CHECK OUT OUR CALENDAR!

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

my cousin lived in the county of his ancestors, he was (he is now deceased) unable to trace his family back more than two generations because pertinent vital information was lost when church records were destroyed by Catholics during the religious wars of the 1920's. So, I found useful and interesting information about my McBride immigrant ---- only to run into a brick wall.

Non-AGS upcoming events



Help the Texas General Land Office save Texas History and get a T-Shirt!

The Texas GLO is attempting to raise \$25,000 in private donations during the month of May to conserve historic documents and maps in the GLO Archives. If you contribute at least \$30 they'll send you a limited-edition "I Saved Texas History" t-shirt in thanks.

[More information](#)



AGS and AGE 4th Saturday Class
Family Tree Maker 2017 (Updated) – 102 – Adding Data
May 26, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Co-sponsored by Austin Groups for the Elderly (AGE),
and The Austin Genealogical Society (AGS)

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, June 6, 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

This class is a continuation of our first Family Tree Maker class. It will walk through the process of entering data into your family tree. It will focus only on entering facts, notes, media, and basic sources. The class will be using hands-on exercises to follow along with and learn the material. There is a pre-requisite expectation that those attending are comfortable navigating on a PC and hold a general understanding of genealogy including an understanding of terms such as "facts", "sources", and "media".

For AGS members only.

[More Information](#)



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](#)

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.

Second Tuesday of every month - no meeting in December
Tuesday, June 12, 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.

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)

[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](#)



**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

*Doors Open: 6:30 PM
Program starts: 7:00 PM
Highland Park Baptist
Church, [5206 Balcones,
Austin, TX 78731](#)*

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

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 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](mailto:webmaster@austintxgensoc.org)

AGS 2018 class

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](#)



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

schedule

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

Saturday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. - noon

Census Overview

Instructor: Debbe

Tipping

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

Join us for an overview of the U.S. Censuses from 1790 to 1940. We will look at each census in general, learning which questions were asked and what extra components may be included to help us with our family history research.

[Registration](#)

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 Confederacy: South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama,

own researcher assists you with tracing your roots. The travel package also includes four days in the capital of Sweden, Stockholm.

[More Information](#)



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](#)

Heritage Books - A genealogical resource

Check out this great resource for genealogical and history books available for purchase from every state in the United States at <https://heritagebooks.com>. There are many titles including fiction and non-fiction as well as published historical records.

Do you have a genealogical resource website or blog that you'd like to tell us about? Send it to newsletter@austintxgensoc.org

The 2020 Census is around the corner

You can imagine the amount of preparation and logistics that is involved in counting and recording information on every person in the United States - 135 million of us! Our government is preparing to do just that in about 2 years from now. If you'd like a behind the scenes look at news regarding the Census, a media campaign entitled

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 opens June 1st.

[Registration](#)

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

"America Counts" enables you to subscribe to a newsletter by entering your email address here:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCENSUS/bulletins/1ec97c7>

And be sure to be counted in 2020!

April meeting recap

Topic: Finding Treasures Buried in the 1900 through 1940 Census Records

Speaker: Teresa Devine

Meeting Attendance: 87

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

Kendall Bohls, Genny Williams, Sandra Pope, Ailana Larson

Thank you to our April volunteers:

Set up: Betty Jean Steinke and Carolyn Cobb

Clean up: Diane Harvey Anderson and Lise Doss

Greeter: Karen Liston

Snacks: Susan Shaw, Elizabeth Price, Karen Liston, Diane Harvey Anderson

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

Member Connection committee members who broke ice at the social half hour: Sam Martin, Audrey Poche and Karen Liston.

May volunteers:

Debbie Ulczynski, Sam Martin, Beverly Pritchett, Sarah Shaw, Karen Liston, Susan Tyler, Inez Eppright, Shelley Augustin, and Millijon Crowell.

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 May 26, 1:00–4:00 p.m. at Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library, [7051 Village Center Dr., Austin](#). Click [here](#) for website.

Austin Legacy Users Group meets on the third Saturday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the [Querencia at Barton Creek, 2500 Barton Creek Blvd., Austin](#). Click [here](#) for website.

Texas State Library is open during the week from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. [1201 Brazos](#) in Austin.

Questions concerning Second Saturdays may be sent [here](#). Click [here](#) for website.

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



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p.m. Click [here](#) for
website.

**Austin Public Library
Genealogical
Resources** Click [here](#) for
website.

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the newsletter?**

Submissions are
welcome - due the
first day of the
month for each
submission.

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



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