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Lineage Societies: Helping You Find Your Tree in the Forest

Lineage societies are not only a fabulous place to meet fellow genealogists, but they are also a wonderful place to gain some context for your family's place in history. This presentation will lead you through the requirements of various lineage societies all over the world, and the information they can offer you as a researcher.

Charleen "Charlie" Mullenweg has a been student of genealogy for 15 years and a member of lineage societies for five years. She divides her time between attending meetings, traveling, and fearlessly scaling brick walls.

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AGS Business: *From the Minutes of the Board Meeting*

AGS Board Meeting, Sept. 23, 2014

Board Members present: Marcia Arn, Inez Eppright, Missy Harris, Patricia Thompson, Anne Mamiya, Carol Mason, Karin Nelson, Winnie Noelke, Kathy Pemberton, Jane Schwendinger, Don Villoni, and Lisa Smith-Curtean, attending by phone. Also attending the board meeting were Jim Bridges and Jan Pelosi.

August Minutes

Minutes of the August 2014 AGS Board meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

The August treasurer's report was accepted.

Bank Statement

Inez Eppright, who does the bank statement review, reported that due to a problem with emails not being received by all board members, she had not received Karin's reports. Karin will re-send the necessary paperwork, and there will be a report next month.

Membership

AGS has 379 members.

Programs

Programs are on course as scheduled. A committee of eight will meet on Sunday, Sept. 28 to plan programs for 2015.

Nominating Committee

Kathy Pemberton, nominating committee chair, reported that the nominating committee consists of Carol Mason, Patricia Thompson, Kay Boyd, and Sharon Foley. The slate of officers being recommended are Missy Harris, Karin Nelson, Trisha Thompson, Jan Pelosi, Jim Bridges and Robin Raben.

TSGS Information: No report

Introduction to Genealogy Classes
Anne Mamiya reported the classes will be on Saturday the 27th and October 4 at the Hampton Branch at Oak Hill Library. Nancy Stevens will teach the first class, and Anne will teach the second class.

Old Business

AGS donated eight books to the Texas State Library in memory of Emma Gene Gentry. Additional funds for another book that the Texas State Library would like will be allocated.

Texas Book Festival

The festival will be October 25 and 26. Missy Harris will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting for volunteers to work our booth. The Save Austin's Cemetery group will share the booth.

Computer Upgrade

The upgrade to the AGS computer is in progress.

New Business

TSGS 2015 Conference

AGS has been requested to sponsor the conference in Austin next October. The board decided it would not be possible to sponsor a conference one year out due to the amount of activities in Austin in the fall and the fact that hotel rooms are booked a year in advance with some room rates increased due to demand. There was further discussion on problems involved in sponsoring the conference.

Judy Russell 2015 Seminar

The board is requested to give recommendations on the topics.

Thomas MacEntee Webinars on our Website: Lisa Smith-Curtean will check further, and we will take up this issue later.

Quarterly Deadline: The September quarterly will be coming out next weekend, and the next deadline is November 15.

From the President's Corner

As I prepare to go to Ft. Wayne, I think of all the benefits I have received from being active in AGS. Not only have I met and made friends with many, I have also learned so much from meetings, seminars, and tips from other members. I'm convinced that the more one puts into an endeavor, the more one gets out of it. Maybe this is my not so subtle way of urging you to volunteer, attend, and share.

This fall is turning out to be very busy for our Society. In addition to our trip to Ft. Wayne, AGS will have the booth at the Texas Book Festival, and Teri Flack will be speaking at the Austin Archives Bazaar. Planning is already in progress to provide you with more opportunities to participate and learn in 2015. I hope you have enjoyed your participation in AGS in 2014 and will renew your membership in 2015.

Jane Schwendinger

You are wanted! Austin Genealogical Society is sponsoring a booth with Save Austin's Cemeteries at the **Texas Book Festival** on Saturday, October 25th and Sunday, October 26th. We need 4 volunteers on Saturday for 1 ¾ hours each and 3 volunteers on Sunday for 2 hours each. The Saturday shifts are from 10-11:45, 11:45-1:30, 1:30-3:15, and 3:15-5. The Sunday shifts are from 11-1, 1-3, 3-5. Jane will be there both days.

We will be distributing tri-fold brochures and our AGS pencils. The intent is to get the word out about AGS, what we do, and what we offer members.

Our booth is at 12th & Colorado in exhibitor tent #3 which is a covered area with electricity in case it is hot or cold. Please volunteer to promote our Society. You will have free parking nearby as a volunteer.

There are many opportunities to participate in genealogical activities in Austin and in nearby communities. The list below includes information on regularly occurring meetings in which AGS members may wish to participate.

AGS British Isle Genealogy Special Interest Group meets via email to exchange information. Contact Jane Schwendinger at janesca@earthlink.net. This is an official AGS activity.

Austin Gen SIG meets from 1:00- 3:00 P.M. the second Saturday of the month at Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library, 7051 Village Center Drive. This SIG is a part of Computer Club of Austin and is not an AGS affiliated group.
http://www.austingensig.com/

Williamson County Genealogical Society meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Round Rock Public Library. Social time at 7:00 with the meeting at 7:30.
http://www.williamsontxgenealogy.org/

Good Things Coming Up

Genealogy After Dark

Texas State Library and Archives Commission will host our next Genealogy After Dark event on Friday, October 17, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Optional programming will be provided throughout the evening.

Registration is limited to 30 participants, and the deadline to register is October 10, 2014. A link to the registration form is available at: www.tsl.texas.gov/genafterdark.html

The State Library will close at 5:00 p.m. and reopen at 6:00 p.m. for Genealogy After Dark participants. The building will be locked at 6:45 p.m. and no participants will be admitted after that time.

If you have questions, contact TSLA at reference.desk@tsl.texas.gov or 512-463-5455.

Bastrop County Genealogical Society

J Mark Lowe CG, FUGA

Presenting via Vimeo

October 11, 2014

Bastrop Public Library

Doors open at 1:00 pm

Meeting begins at 1:30 pm

Mr. Lowe has inspired many to look at cemeteries in a new way and what we can do as genealogist. You don't have to be a member of our Bastrop County Genealogical Society to attend. EVERYONE WELCOME!

Dinner

in the cemetery

Or

Dinner with the Dead

Fort Bend County Library Celebrates Family-History Month

ANNUAL Genealogy Symposium Saturday, October 18, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

John Philip Colletta, Ph.D., will share his knowledge, experience, and insight on a variety of topics designed to help family history buffs explore different avenues of genealogical research.

The program is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. To register online at the library's website (http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/), click on "Calendar," select "George Memorial Library," and find the program. Participants may also register by calling the library's Local History and Genealogy Department at 281-341-2608.

If you do not have a subscription to FindMyPast, do this now!

For the month of October, FindMyPast will be offering 30 days of its World subscription for just $5.00 using promotional code USFHM14. Simply enter the code at checkout to explore all of the FindMyPast records and take your own research further during Family History Month

THIS SOUNDS LIKE FUN! FREE AND RIGHT HERE IN AUSTIN

Join the Archivists of Central Texas for the Austin Archives Bazaar on Sunday, October 19 from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Spider House Ballroom, 2906 Fruth St. The Bazaar will feature twenty Central Texas archives .

The Bazaar is free to the general public and a great way for families to experience Austin's diverse history. The twenty participating archives will show off their amazing collections and services throughout the entire event. You can make your own antique cabinet card in the old-time photo studio and listen to lightning talks from authors and historians who have used archives extensively in their work. At the Preservation Station, you can bring your cherished materials, such as photographs, old letters, and family documents, to learn the best way to preserve your memories from professional archivists.

"This is the first event of its kind in Central Texas," says Jennifer Hecker, Chair of Austin Archives Bazaar Steering Committee. "People are curious about Austin's rich history, but rarely know where to go to find out more. Sometimes going to an archive can be an intimidating experience. Here they can learn about archives and have a great time finding out the best way to preserve their personal items. Anyone interested in Austin history or their own family history will enjoy the Bazaar."Get more information and see a list of the participating archives at www.austinarchivesbazaar.org.

VOLUNTEERS ARE *ALWAYS* NEEDED

Just a note from your newsletter editor….. After two years as newsletter editor (2013-2014), two years as president (2011-2012), two years as program director(2008-2009), and a couple of years previous to that doing some teaching, and miscellaneous things, I'm retiring from an official role after the November newsletter has been compiled. I'll still be volunteering as the need arises. I just want a break from a monthly commitment. That said, I'd like to request that you consider saying YES when someone asks if you could put in a couple of hours (or more!) when the need arises *outside of our regular monthly meeting times*.

Sharon Foley

Planning Ahead for Fall Fun

Our November 25th meeting will once again be our traditional Fall Fest.

We will enjoy our usual barbecue and potluck dinner. Which of YOUR favorite dishes will you be bringing? We will have plenty of time to socialize as well. Always a good thing.

Our speaker will be Teri Flack. She will tell us "How Austin Came to Be." How many of you know the answer to that?

JUST FOR FUN….JACK the RIPPER Identified?

Thanks to AGS member, Earle McBride, for sending this interesting DNA tidbit.

The article claims that Jack the Ripper has been identified through DNA traces found on a shawl. The sleuth, Russell Edwards, who has a book out, claims that the killer was Aaron Kosminski, an emigrant from Poland. The full story can be found at: http://news.yahoo.com/jack-ripper-identified-dna-traces-sleuth-024421946.html Of course, the claim is debatable with many experts in both DNA and "Ripper-Lore" responding. No surprise there.

Along that line…. Your newsletter editor enjoys DNA related information of a somewhat different sort than that which concerns your family lines of earlier generations. Here's another take on your A-T, C-G line-ups.

Cilantro? Do you like it, or do you hate it?

To some people cilantro tastes like soap. To others, who love it (I DO!) it is a wonderful flavor. It's ALL genetics. In fact, here's a list of other food preferences that are genetically based: artichokes , bacon, broccoli, coffee, chicory, dark chocolate, blue cheese, ice cream, liver, orange juice, plain yogurt, white wine, and mushrooms. Interesting! Check your family members for their likes and dislikes. It's fun to see how those genes were assorted.

Late News

Word was just received as the newsletter was about to go out, that member Ursula Gaines passed away on October 3rd in a hospital in Little Rock where she was being treated for multiple myeloma. Our sympathy and thoughts go out to her family. More complete information will be included in the November newsletter.

News You Can Use

AGS has purchased the following books for TSLA through a memorial gift from David Gracy. The gift was given in memory of Emma Gene Gentry. The books will have a memorial plate with Emma Gene Gentry's name on it. Emma Gene was a charter member of AGS.

Callahan County, Texas Marriages 1873-1899;

Mitchell County, Texas Marriage Index 1884-1939;

Caldwell County, Texas Marriage Records Book A&B 1848-1869;

Marriage records for Red River County, Texas from 1846-1903;

Somervell County Marriage Books 2, 2a, and 3: 1885-1920;

Cemetery Records of Sterling County Texas, v.1: Centennial Years 1891-1991;

Lee County Texas Cemeteries, v.1;

Lee County Texas Cemeteries, v.2;

Red Feather Genealogy

Check out this YouTube channel for new genealogy ideas posted weekly by Jason Weekley.

https://www.youtube.com/user/RFtree

A small favor ? It's very difficult to keep current with all of the AGS member email addresses. It would help tremendously if you would notify Jean Marostica at jmarostica@sbcglobal.net if you change your email address. We want you to receive your AGS Newsletter, the AGS Quarterly, and the announcements, but there are many email bounces with every send.

Please Take Note

AGS storage space has been moved to a closet. Consequently, our storage space at the church is now much more limited than it was previously. Please do not bring magazines and similar items to be placed and shared on our 'free' table each month. If they are not taken the month you bring them, we have no space to store them for another month.

HOSPITALITY REPORT

September Greeters were Chris Bond and Shirley Meyer.

Sign-in Table volunteers were Jean Marostica, Gary Pemberton, Mary Root, and Shirley Villoni,

The refreshment table was served by Sheila Sargent.

Refreshments were provided by Carolyn Gresham, JoAnn Hornung, Chris Bond and Jean Marostica.

Attendance at the September meeting was 87 including , 77 members, all guests and the speaker.

Visitors at the September meeting were Don and Donna Valdes, Connie Cabezas, Elaine Beyers, Sandra Uhrig, Richard Johnson, and William "Eric" Beckers.

October greeters will be Robin Raben and Shirley Roberts .

October refreshments will be provided by James Hollas, Shirley Roberts, and Shirley Meyer.

2014 Board of Directors

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2014 PROGRAMS– Only 2 Remaining!

Your program committee, led by program chair Marcia Arn, is excited to present the scheduled programs for our monthly meetings in 2014.

Oct 28 How Lineage Societies Help You Realize Your Family's Part in History

Nov 25 Fall Festival-How Austin Came to Be-Teri Flack

Monthly Meetings on 4th Tuesdays
(except December)

Social time at 6:30; Program at 7:00

Highland Park Baptist Church

5206 Balcones Drive

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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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