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**October Program:
Who Do You Think You
Are Live—Austin Style!**

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Monthly AGS Meeting

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Drive
Austin, Texas 78759

6:30 p.m. — Refreshments & Networking
7:00 — 8:30 p.m. - Business & Program

***Program: Member to Member—Special Topic Tables
Facilitated by AGS Members***

Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!

Prior to the beginning of the program, the Nominating Committee will present a slate of proposed candidates for consideration as the 2013 Class of the Board of Directors. Pursuant to the bylaws, the election of new Board members will be held at the October meeting.

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The speaker scheduled for the September meeting has had to cancel her appearance. Program Chair Jane SCHWENDINGER has pulled a rabbit out of her hat and is using a program format that has been well-received in the past.

Opportunity knocks... Our meeting room will be filled with SPECIAL TOPIC TABLES offering guidance and information on numerous genealogy topics. A leader will be at each SPECIAL TOPIC TABLE to help you further your knowledge and expertise on a specific topic. You may spend the entire evening at just one table or roam to different tables.

As of the Newsletter publication deadline, the topics being offered include the following. It is possible there will be additional topics tables added.

Jim COOPER	Blogging	Earle McBRIDE	Genealogy Software for Beginners
Sharon FOLEY	Self-Publishing a Family History	Ashton MOUTON	Slave records, AND the libraries of the parishes of Lafayette, New Orleans, Jefferson, & Baton Rouge
Leslie INMAN	Lineage Groups	Cynthia RODRIGUEZ	Colonial Virginia
Dona KURTZ & Randy WHITED	Technology Questions & Answers	Jane SCHWENDINGER	Researching in England
John MAROSTICA	Scanning Documents	Janis TRAYLER	Beginning Again - Tips on Getting Back to Genealogy Research

AGS Business: From the Minutes of the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 28th, prior to the regular Society meeting. The following items were discussed and action taken.

Treasurer's Reports

The Treasurer's report for July was accepted as submitted.

Bylaws Revision Committee

The Board continued last month's discussion regarding the revisions to the bylaws. Several Board members commented on the changes and offered recommendations.

Nominating Committee

Due to our not electing two members from the general membership to the Nominating Committee at the July meeting, the Board agreed to ask for a confirmation of the two individuals who were nominated via email in response to an email blast from President Sharon FOLEY requesting nominations. It was agreed

to take that action. (Note: Kay BOYD and Sue Ann BUNNER were confirmed in the general meeting as representatives to the Nominating Committee.)

Promotional Activities

Publicity Chairperson Jen WHITLEY advised the Board during July that in order to have the logo look good on the table drape we are purchasing, she needs a different kind of computer file that will provide the ability to enlarge the logo without making it blurred or pixilated. The Board, via an email vote, authorized an additional \$150 to have the logo file updated by a graphic designer. This logo will be available for numerous other uses on AGS publications and documents.

With the approval of the Board, Jen is continuing to work with Trade Group in getting the table drape in the hope of having it available for the upcoming Save Texas History Symposium, the October Mini-Seminar, and possibly in November at the Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference.

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Volunteers from the Board or the general membership are needed to help staff the AGS table at the upcoming *Save Texas History* Symposium, on Saturday, September 15. An email blast will be sent out to the membership. The suggested schedule is:

7:30 - 10:30 (includes set up)
10:30 - 1:00
1:00 - 3:30
3:30 - 5:30 (includes take down)

Salt Lake City Trip

President Sharon FOLEY advised that the dates and rates of the Salt Lake City trip have been posted - April 28-May 5, Double: \$335/person and Single: \$627. This includes seven nights at the hotel, 24/7 access to the hospitality room, a pizza night, and all hotel shuttle tips. (NOTE: See page [six](#) for additional information.)

September Program

Jane SCHWENDINGER advised that Jackie JONES, the scheduled speaker for September, cancelled due to Yom Kippur. Jane suggested round table

discussions with each table having a different topic and asked board members to consider manning a topic table.

(NOTE: This subject was mentioned at the general meeting, requesting anyone willing to participate as a discussion leader to contact Jane after the meeting.)

Because of our poor speaker system and visibility issues, it was decided not to ask George G. MORGAN to do a live webinar for the September meeting.

Mini-Seminar & Beginner's Class Registrations

Webmaster Dona KURTZ informed the Board that online registration for October's mini-seminar is now open. Dona also brought up the Fall Beginner's Class and the need for publicity. Missy HARRIS suggested reaching out to retirement homes in the area. Other promotion ideas from the Board are welcome.

Pioneer Certificates

Via email prior to the meeting, Janis TRAYLER moved for an increase to the budget for Pioneer Certificates covering the \$75.10 for certificate covers and mailing envelopes. Earle McBRIDE seconded the motion, and with an email vote, the motion was passed.

AGS Business

ATTENDANCE REPORT for the AGS meeting on August 28, 2012: approximately 90 members and guests attended.

We were graced with the presence of the following visitors at the August meeting:

Bertha HARRIS
Jerry CHAPMAN and Jonelle MILLER-CHAPMAN
John TYLER
Bill CARTWRIGHT
Janet KILGORE
Paul NOAK
Barbara GREENE

We are glad you joined us and hope you will come back again soon!

AGS welcomes the following new members since the last report:

Melissa BRADY — Austin 78731
Virginia ANDERSON — Georgetown 78628

We are so glad to have you both join us and hope to have many opportunities to get to know you.



HOSPITALITY REPORT.

Greeters for the August meeting were Barbara IN-NIS and Martha CARPENTER.

Sheila SARGENT was in charge at the refreshment table and those who provided refreshments were Shirley ROBERTS, Wynnette HARRIS, Barbara

INNIS, and Sheila SARGENT. Thanks to Kay BOYD for making popcorn again!

Serving at the registration table at the August meeting were Ann COOPER, Jean MAROSTICA, Arlene ZIRKEL, and Cynthia RODRIGUEZ.

Scheduled to help at the September meeting are:
Greeters: Shirley MEYER and Martha CARPENTER

Refreshments: Shirley MEYER, Carolyn GRESHAM, James HOLLAS, Jean KOTRLA, and Lynn COOKSEY.

Volunteers make good things happen! Be sure to thank them all if you get the chance.

AGS Activities

Tuesday, September 25th — Regular AGS meeting
Slate of Nominees for 2013 class of Board of Directors presented to the general meeting

Program: “**Member-to-Member**” **Special Topic Tables presented by AGS members**

Saturday, September 29th and October 6th — AGS **Beginners’ Classes** (See more below.)

Saturday, October 20th— AGS **Mini-Seminar**

See pages [seven and eight](#) for details

Saturdays, September 29 & October 6, 2012

Austin Genealogical Society ***Semi-Annual FALL BEGINNER’S CLASSES***

Whether you are a novice, an intermediate, or a seasoned genealogist, the AGS Beginner’s Classes are well worth your time.

The class on September 29th is taught by Nancy STEVENS, Certified Genealogist, and Sharon FOLEY, former high-school teacher and current college instructor, will teach the October 6th class. All students will receive a spiral bound notebook.

Topics to be covered are:

- From the Known to the Unknown
- Researching Other Records
- Forms and Charts
- Central Texas Resources

Classes are held in the Community Classroom at

Triumphant Love Lutheran Church
[9508 Great Hills Trail, Austin, TX 78759](#)

Click [here](#) for a registration form. There is a \$15 materials fee & room cost charged for the class. For more information, email Dona KURTZ at education@austintxgensoc.org.

Other Genealogical Activities

The ***Austin Genealogy Special Interest Group*** meets from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. every second Saturday of the month at the Old Quarry Branch of the Austin Public Library, 7051 Village Center Drive, (near Far West Blvd.) Austin, TX 78731.

Click [here](#) to check their website for information

regarding the next meeting. Anyone interested in genealogy is welcome to attend. There is no fee.

Next Meeting: October 13th—***Useful & Interesting Websites***

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Presented by: Leslie D. INMAN, John MAROSTICA and ...YOU!

Leslie and John will have some very *Useful & Interesting Web Sites* to show you, but they invite you to show them your “special websites.” Tell and show the group the websites that have helped you with your research.

Check the AustinGenSIG website for updates about the October meeting.

Bring your curiosity, your questions and your laptop. A WIFI connection, extension cords, and lots of tables are available so you can be comfortable.

So, come to **share**, learn and experience all that the AustinGenSIG has to offer!



Austin Legacy Users Group

This group of genealogists uses Legacy Family Tree software in their research but is not affiliated with Millennia Corporation, makers of the software. With few exceptions, meetings are typically held on the third Saturday of the month from 1-3 p.m. at the **Querencia at Barton Creek, 2500 Barton Creek Blvd., Austin.** Anyone who uses Legacy Family Tree software is welcome to attend the meetings to learn and share. Please check the [website](#) for further information, or contact the host, [Roberta Jenkins](#).

Our next meeting will be held on **September 15, 2012**, from 1-3 p.m. We will have a short review of adding and citing sources followed by individual practice. Please bring your laptops and information to enter into Legacy. Visitors are welcome.



Lifetime Learning Institute of Austin *Classes Begin Soon*

The [Lifetime Learning Institute](#) of Austin, offers a continuing education program of non-credit, daytime courses for adults 50 years of age and over. Included in

their course schedule for the fall program is “Find Your Ancestors” which begins on **September 18, 2012, and runs through November 6th.**



This series of eight two-hour morning sessions will begin with an Overview of Genealogical Research covering charts, sources, documentation, and research techniques (taught by the legendary AGS member Jean SHROYER), a trip to the Texas State Library to hear a presentation on the 1940 U.S. Census, and a variety of other programs by Nancy STEVENS, C.G., John MAROSTICA, and new AGS Member Charleen “Charlie” MULLENWEG.

Classes, except for the trip to the Texas State Library, are held at **Triumphant Love Lutheran Church, 9508 Great Hills Trail (78759).** For a full description of the course information, check the website at <http://lilaustin.org/> or call them at 512-206-4232.



Dallas Genealogical Society Annual Seminar

Saturday, September 29, 2012, 9:30—4:00

First Floor Auditorium
J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young Street
Dallas, Texas

The Dallas Genealogical Society presents a day with **Craig SCOTT** discussing various types of military records, where to find them, and how to use them.

Early registration for non-members (postmarked on or before September 15) is \$50; after that date the cost is \$60 for nonmembers. Lunch will be provided for an additional \$10. Click [here](#) for a brochure and registration form.

The topics to be covered are: Basic Military Research, War of 1812 Ancestors, Pension Research, and Civil War Research.

Learn About Tombstones

On **October 13**, you are invited to join Save Austin Cemeteries at **11:00 a.m.** on a walk through **Oakwood Cemetery** with **AGS Member and Professor Emeritus of Geology, Earle F. McBRIDE**. Professor McBRIDE will talk about the materials that make cemetery headstones and monuments. During our visit to the cemetery we will examine the response of different rocks to the elements and microbial growth and see how both the texture of natural stone and its treatment by stonecutters influence legibility with time.



Please wear weather appropriate clothes and sensible, close-toed shoes as the terrain is uneven. If the weather does not cooperate, the presentation will be held inside the chapel at Oakwood Cemetery at **1601 Navasota Street** (south of UT baseball field and east of

I-35). There is no charge for this event and free parking is available in the cemetery



Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference

**Saddle Bags to Social Networking —
Following Ancestors through History**

November 1-3, 2012
Riley Conference Center
Fort Worth, Texas



Three days of programs, classes, networking, learning, shopping, and visiting! Click [here](#) for a full brochure and schedule with registration form.

Not a member of TSGS? Click [here](#) to join or renew.

Salt Lake City Research Trip

Submitted by Pat Oxley

AGS will be sponsoring its 5th research trip to Salt Lake City April 28 – May 5, 2013. You will need to book your own flights as we are not able to get a reasonably priced block of tickets with any airline. We have booked rooms from Sunday to Sunday. This gives you six full days of research. If you wish to attend the Mormon Tabernacle Choir on Sunday morning, please book your return flights for after 12:00 noon.



The cost of a double room for the seven nights is \$335 for AGS members (\$360 for non-members, and the cost of a private room is \$627). This also covers tips for the hotel shuttle bus drivers to and from the airport, a hospitality room with snacks and networking with other AGS members and friends, and a pizza night one evening in the hospitality room. **We only have 20 rooms available, so reservations will fill up quickly.** We need a \$100 deposit to hold your spot. Please tell me if this is a double or single room and if you have a roommate please identify them. As soon as you have your flight schedule please let me know. Please make your check out to AGS and mail to: AGS, P.O. Box 10010, Austin, TX 78766-1010.



There is no group dinner built into this package, but we will arrange for a group dinner at a local restaurant on Monday night (when the library closes at 5 p.m.) with everyone paying for his/her own dinner. More details will follow in February.

Questions? Please email Pat OXLEY at pat@theoxleys.com.

2012 Fall Mini-Seminar

AGS Welcomes ...

J. MARK LOWE



Saturday, October 20, 2012

Triumphant Love Lutheran Church

[9508 Great Hills Trail](#)

Austin, Texas 78759

Doors open: 8:30 a.m.

Program: 9:00 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.



ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN—SEE NEXT PAGE

Mark's topics will be:

- **My Ancestor, the Farmer: Shaping a Profile for Your Rural Ancestor** — Farming is a proud and honorable occupation. Develop a rich profile of your farming ancestor and community using available resources.
- **Ready-Set-Plan! Developing a One-Step Research Plan** — Learn a simple technique for breaking down difficult research problems into manageable segments. Learn to get more research done while remaining focused.
- **Planning Around That Brick Wall** — By reviewing our research, and taking a fresh planning approach, take new opportunities to solve those family problems. Use the very evidence that stops you in your tracks to spring over the walls.
- **Over the Mountain, Across the Plains... Using Electronic Records to Trace Our Ancestors** — Your ancestors moved westward, now follow them as they move back east. Knowing where to look for valuable records will reward you with insights and research plans.

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Registration Information

Registration for this 4-session seminar is only \$20 for AGS members (if registered and paid in advance) and \$25 for non-members. All registrations at the door will be \$25. **Click [here](#) for online registration or a registration form to complete and mail in.** Online registration will close on Thursday, October 18. Payments by check must be received by Friday, October 19.

Light snacks and beverages will be provided. There will also be a break for lunch, **but lunch is on your own and will not be provided.**

About the Speaker ...

J. Mark LOWE, CG, FUGA is a full-time professional genealogist, author, and lecturer. Mark shares personal experiences that help beginning and experienced researchers gain new skills and insights for research. He specializes in Kentucky and Tennessee resources and researches primarily in original records and manuscripts throughout the South.

Mark lives in Robertson County, Tennessee, which is in northern Middle Tennessee along the Kentucky border. With family history in both states, a knowledge of the interaction of citizens along borders helps Mark resolve difficult issues using often overlooked records.

He also serves as a Course Coordinator for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) and Research in the South for IGHR at Samford University, and Director of the Regional In-depth Genealogical Studies Alliance (RIGS Alliance), learning sessions and hands-on research focusing on original documents and manuscripts at regional archives. Mark has worked on several genealogical television series including *African American Lives 2*, *Who Do You Think You Are?*, and *UnXplained Events*.

Mark has published in the Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly (APGQ), National Genealogical Society Quarterly (NGSQ), the Genealogical Speakers' Guild SPEAK!, The Longhunter (So. Ky. Genealogical Society), The Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society Quarterly, and other local society publications. His own publications include Robertson County Tennessee Marriage Book 2, 1859-1873. He has served as the President of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), President for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), and Vice President of the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG). He is the current Vice-President of the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society. Mark is a Certified Genealogist, a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Society, and was awarded the Graham T. Smallwood award by the Association of Professional Genealogists.

We hope you will join us for this very special event!

Editor's Corner

Do you enjoy and appreciate the programs and activities provided by the Austin Genealogical Society? Yes? Then AGS can use your help.

As you know, the Nominating Committee is looking for willing souls to pitch in and help AGS continue providing the level of programs and activities members enjoy. Each of us can do *something* and many hands make lighter work. Please consider how *you* can volunteer during the coming year.

Anyone who can tackle finding ancestors and lateral-line descendants certainly has skills and talent to help make *any* organization be a better one! Please contact a board member and let us know how you want to help out next year. Next month's newsletter will have a list of tasks that are worthy of your consideration. Some are short-term and some are longer term, but all are needed. In the meanwhile, one of the most pressing tasks will be to line up programs for next year. If you have heard someone speak you think would be appropriate to present a program at one of our meetings, let us know. If you have a topic you would like to hear someone present, let us know that, too!

There are any number of genealogical events listed in this issue. I hope you will be able to take advantage of one or more of them.

Note that Pat OXLEY has only 20 rooms available for the Salt Lake City trip next spring. I'm rarin' to go and have already booked my airline tickets! I hope you will be there, too!

Until next time,

Happy Trackin',

[Janis](#)

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with a Tweet!

AGS Regular Meetings **2012 Program Schedule**

Tuesday, January 24th

"Genealogical Chaining of Artifacts" presented by
Cindy FOREMAN

Tuesday, February 28th

"Get Your Lineage in Line" presented by Sylvia
NIMMO

Tuesday, March 27th

"How Do I Organize All This *Stuff?*" presented by
AGS Member Panel

Tuesday, April 24th

"Researching the 1940 Census" presented by Randy
WHITED

Tuesday, May 22nd

"I Bet You Didn't Know That" presented by AGS
members Jane SCHWENDINGER and Sharon
FOLEY

Tuesday, June 26th

"Find Success with FamilySearch" presented by
Karen MATHESON

Tuesday, July 24th

"Preserving Paper and Photos" presented by
Claudia ANDERSON

Tuesday, August 28th

"Trailing Old West History" presented by Mike
COX

Tuesday, September 25th

"Member-to-Member" Special Topic Tables
presented by AGS members

Tuesday, October 23rd

"Who Do You Think You Are" LIVE—featuring a
well-known Austin personality as researched and
presented by a group of AGS members

Tuesday, November 27th

Fall Festival—Special Program on "Austin's *Sixth*
Street" presented by Dr. Allen CHILDS

2012 Board of Directors

Term Ending 2012:	Term Ending 2013:
Karin BRANAMAN	Jim COOPER
Earle McBRIDE	Teri FLACK
Sharon FOLEY	Dona KURTZ
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If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns,
please feel free to share those with us.*

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