San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society

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A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions

August 2017 *Newsletter*

SAGHS Fall Seminar Saturday, 7 October

Advanced Genealogy Analysis Techniques

with Cari A. Taplin, CG

Cari Taplin has been working on finding her true heritage since the year 2000. She is a native of Wood County, Ohio, but migrated to Wyoming, Colorado, and now Pflugerville, Texas. Cari holds the Certified Genealogist® credential and has served in a wide variety of volunteer and leadership positions for several state, local, and national societies. She currently serves as the Education Chair for the Austin Genealogical Society, and on the boards of the Association for Professional Genealogists and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. As the owner of GenealogyPANTS, she provides speaking, research, and consultation services. Cari focuses on Midwestern states, methodology and researching family legends. Register before 1 October to save.

Seminar Sessions

From Deeds to Dirt: A Case Study in Analyzing Research with Maps

Census Hurdles: How to Jump Over or Go Around

Using Timelines and Tables to Analyze Your Research

Using Church Records to Find Ancestral Origins

Cost: $45/members, $50/non-members,
Syllabus and Box Lunch Included.

Other Events

Annual Handmade Quilt Raffle!
Duplicate Book Sale! Door Prizes Galore!

Details and registration form on our website:
https://txsaghs.org/eventListings.php?nm=38

President's Message

One of my objectives is to keep the membership up to date on the activities of the Society. I will endeavor to provide summaries of Board actions as well as other activities in each newsletter.

Our July Board meeting is traditionally a joint meeting of new Board members, retiring Board members, and those remaining on the Board. In addition to regular business, Board members and committee chairs presented annual reports; these are summarized elsewhere in this newsletter.

Action included the installation of the Secretary, **Julia George**, who was unable to attend the Founders' Day Luncheon due to travel. **Kurt Kneeland** was appointed to fill the vacant Librarian position, and **Bill Myers** was appointed to fill the remainder of **Arnold Birdsong's** term as Director at Large. This vacancy was created when Arnold was elected as the 3rd Vice President.

One of the issues that we will be addressing is what we can do to make it easier and more practical for newer members, and those that have not yet retired, to take an active part in Board activities.

Our Webmaster, **Leslie Tomlinson**, has submitted her resignation from this position. Leslie has done an outstanding job of developing our website to an award-winning level. It was awarded 1st Place in the category "Website for a Partner Society" by the Texas State Genealogical Society in their 2016 Awards Program. **Rob Lewis** will succeed Leslie as Webmaster. Rob is certainly well qualified and is enthusiastic. His willingness to accept this position is appreciated.

We are truly a volunteer Society. As such, we are constantly seeking members who would like to take a more active role in the operation of our organization. If you are interested in a more active role, please let me know.

James H. Garrett

August – September Calendar



Tuesday, 8 Aug.—SAGHS Board, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex

Sunday, 13 Aug.—"WorldCat & USGenWeb" Instructors: Beverly Rakowitz and Barbara Froebel. 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Wednesday, 16 Aug.—Workshop: Family Tree Maker, Moderator: Scott Atkinson, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Tuesday, 22 Aug.—DNA Consult with Kurt Kneeland. Pre-registration required.

Wednesday, 30 Aug.—Power Point Class No. 1, Instructor: Barbara Holmes. 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Tuesday, 4 Sept.—Labor Day, Library Closed.

Thursday 7 Sept.—"Intermediate Genealogy" No. 1, **Instructors:** Ann Roberts and Barbara Froebel on four consecutive Thursday evenings in September, 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex. Topics include such topics as immigration, vital records, newspapers, military, timelines, etc.

Sunday, 10 Sept.—"Brick Wall Panel" 2:00 P.M. to 3:45 P.M., and 4:15 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Tuesday, 12 Sept.—SAGHS Board, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex

Wednesday, 13 Sept.—Workshop: Family Tree Maker, Moderator: Scott Atkinson, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Wednesday, 13 Sept.—Power Point Class No. 2, Instructor: Barbara Holmes. 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Thursday, 14 Sept.—"Intermediate Genealogy" No. 2

Thursday, 21 Sept.—"Intermediate Genealogy" No. 3

Tuesday, 26 Sept.—DNA Consult with Kurt Kneeland. Pre-registration required.

Thursday, 28 Sept.—"Intermediate Genealogy" No. 4

NEW MEMBERS

Ruby Casteel
Rose Kanusky
Kay Osborn
Cara Waits

Be sure to visit the library and the members-only section of the website to enjoy some of the benefits of your membership!

Sunday Afternoon Classes

CLASS SCHEDULE: Please pre-register by calling the library, emailing or registering in person. We ask members for a $5.00 donation and non-members for a $10.00 donation. Donations support the library operations and society programs.

Class time is 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the SAGHS Library Annex, 911 Melissa, San Antonio, TX.

Sunday, 13 August—"WorldCat & USGenWeb" Instructors: Beverly Rakowitz and Barbara Froebel.

WorldCat

WorldCat is the world's largest network of library content and services. Beverly will explain how to use this library tool, so that you can locate books, videos, articles and audiobooks that will help you with your research. Barbara will explain the use of USGenWeb, a free, user-supported information source for genealogical records nationwide.

Sunday, 10 September—"Brick Wall Panel Discussion," 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., SAGHS Library Annex. Today's panel presentation offers a different class method to review strategies that one might employ to resolve a brick wall research problem. Due to the responses of our members, the day will be divided into two different sessions.

The first session, from 2:00 to 3:45 P.M., provides strategies to assist in solving questions in Texas, New York, Oklahoma, Alabama, Georgia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

The second panel, from 4:15 to 6:00 P.M., yields strategies as ideas to search in England, Germany, Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, and the Leal Family of Spanish Texas.

One may attend one or both panel presentations, but we do ask that you please pre-register

Sunday, 8 October—A Sunday class is not scheduled. Plan on attending the Fall Seminar on Saturday, 7 October. See details on page 1.

Please call the library 342-5242 to reserve a space for all classes and workshops!

The *Events* schedule is posted on the SAGHS website: http://www.txsaghs.org/eventListings.php?nm=38

Texas State Genealogical Society
Family History Conference
20-22 October Houston, Texas
Featured Speakers
www.txsgs.org Michael Lacopo and J. Mark Lowe

If you missed the lessons on Microsoft PowerPoint, last spring, you have another opportunity.

We will be repeating the 2-session class on **Wednesday 30 August** and **Wednesday, 13 September 2017**. The time for these classes is **6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.** These classes are interactive, thus to get the most out of the sessions, it is advisable to bring your laptop/tablet with MS PowerPoint installed. While it is not necessary to attend both classes, some of the topics planned for class 1 might be covered in class 2, depending upon the progress of the participants. Files to be used in class will be loaded onto your device at the beginning of the class. These files will assist in the demonstrations of the various topics.

Class 1 (August 30) **Planned Topics**: What, Why & How of using PowerPoint; basic slide formats and designs; inserting data (text, images, objects); insert/delete/ change slide format; and saving files.

Class 2 (September 13) **Planned Topics**: Various views (slide, notes, handouts and outline); animation; slide show set-up; printing; more designs; and common mistakes.

Requested Contribution: $5.00/class for members, $10.00/class for non-members.

Please sign up in advance, so that appropriate handouts and other preparations can be made.

Sign-up in any of the following ways:

- Email to Education@txsaghs.org
- In person: Sign the log with the Librarian
- Phone: Call and speak to a librarian, or leave a message.

For questions, please contact: Barbara Holmes at bholmes1108@sbcglobal.net

Library's Vertical Files are Digitized and Searchable

An on-going project at the SAGHS library is to digitize the vertical files of donated family research papers. So far, our volunteers have scanned 1,513 surname files and have loaded them onto the three patron access computer workstations.

To use the scanned vertical files,

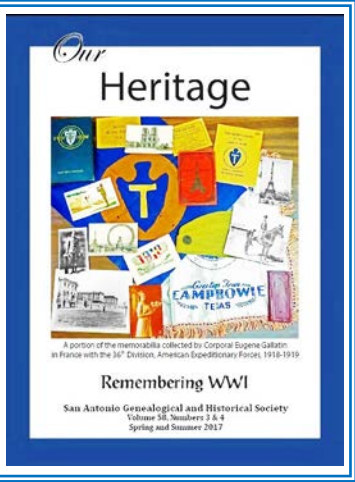
- to see if your surname has been included, search the online library catalog http://txsaghs.org/libraryRecords
- select "Vertical Files" as the "Media Type"; then change the search term to "Surnames," and type in a surname.
- Click on the magnifying glass icon.
- If that surname is included it will be listed.

The search identifies the files that reside on the library computers—where you will find printed instructions for searching and accessing your surname files.

Scanned files of typed pages are searchable, but image files of hand-written pages are not. However, the hand-written pages may be accessed when adjacent pages are identified by the search function.

Try this new research tool at your library!

Later this month look for the current issue of *Our Heritage* in your mailbox. This issue continues our commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the entry by the U.S. into World War I. With other stories of a War of 1812 veteran and 19th century immigration to Texas, it is full of interesting tales of the lives and histories of our ancestors.



SAGHS Hand-Made Quilt Raffle Chances: $1.00 each Drawing on 7 October at the SAGHS Fall Seminar

(you need not be present to win)

The dedicated ladies of the SAGHS Quilting Group have sewed diligently for months to produce this beautiful heirloom. Buy a chance at the library.



David Ringer and **Merri Murphy**, Buildings and Ground Chairpersons, organized clean-up days on 3 June and 3 July at the SAGHS Library. Activities included pruning, tree trimming, weeding, mulching, and preparing for the upcoming bulk brush pickup. Volunteers included **Jim Garrett, Cindy Kennedy, Bill Myers, Sherry Pfeiffer, Larry Lamborn, Peggy Marshall**, and **Karen Marshall**. Thanks for all of your hard work! Grounds clean-up days are organized several times each year, and are announced in advance, by email to the membership. Volunteers are welcome–and encouraged!

2016—2017 Society Activities Highlights

We are indebted to the dedicated volunteers, many of whom have spent hundreds of hours, for supporting the operation of our Society. Their efforts have enabled us to enjoy the benefits of this truly outstanding organization. While our accomplishments during the past twelve months are too many to list here, some highlights include:

Publications. Among the highlights of our achievements is the recognition given to our members by the Texas State Genealogical Society at their annual Family History Conference. Our Website, developed and operated under the guidance of our Webmaster, **Leslie Tomlinson**, garnered 1st Place in the category Website for a Partner Society. Writing awards included 1st place in the category of Manuscript by a Non-Professional Writer awarded to **Larry Luckett**, 1st place in the category of Manuscript by a Professional Writer awarded to **Cindy Kennedy**, 2nd place in the category of Manuscript by a Professional Writer awarded to **Nancy Brennan**, 3rd place in the category of Books Published by Partner Societies for *Bexar County, Texas, Divorces 1901-1903*, a book compiled by **Nancy Brennan**. In addition, *Our Heritage* published by **Larry Luckett**, editor, **Julia George**, indexer, and **Charles Brussells**, graphic designer, with contributions by many society member authors, was awarded 3rd place in the Official Periodicals of Partner Societies / Journals category.

Two double issues of *Our Heritage* were published during the year, with the second being a special edition consisting on articles related to World War I. Many copies of this special edition were sold as well as other books published by the society.

Membership. Our membership remains strong with 436 individual members. Other organizations and subscriptions bring our overall number of members to 478. **Sue Seiler**, our 2nd Vice President maintains the membership data base, entering changes to names and contacts. We have added the capability of dues payment online through PayPal or by credit card, although this convenience comes at a cost with monetary service charges decreasing our income.

Information Technology. A recent upgrade of our telephone service has resulted in an increased internet speed while, at the same time, a reduction in our total cost per month. Our patron workstation computers as well as those used by the Society staff have been harmonized by **Arnold Birdsong** with the latest Microsoft Office software systems to ease working from any computer.

Education. Opportunities for enhancing individual skills were provided by our many classes and workshops planned and organized by our Education Committee under **Nancy McNamara**; and by our Annual Fall Seminar on "Locating Resource Materials" presented by Susan Kaufman of the Clayton Library and the presentations at General Membership Meetings and Founders' Day arranged by 1st V. P. **Dorothy Perez**.

Library. Our Library collection has seen major growth during the year with two large collections of donated books, several individual donations, and some purchases from our Memorial Fund, managed by **Mitzi Jackson**. Our book collection now contains 16,585 volumes, and our online catalog now contains all our genealogy periodicals. We held two sales of duplicate and used books during the year which netted over $1,500. Periodical binding, made possible by a $3,000 grant from the V. H. McNutt Memorial Foundation, has been completed. A $5,000 donation for the purchase of books was received from the San Antonio Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century. Scanning of vertical files has been enhanced by the addition of a new high-speed scanner. The vertical files can be searched and viewed by patrons on our Library computer work stations. In addition, the surnames contained in the vertical files can be viewed in the online catalog on our website. Much effort by the **Library Committee** and our **Volunteer Librarians** has been performed to make our extensive library resources available to the membership.

Building and Grounds. The Buildings and Grounds area, co-chaired by **Merri Murphy** and **David Ringer**, has had a busy year coordinating the replacement of our roof and gutters which were damaged by hail in April 2016. We also replaced the heating/air conditioning unit in the annex, and general upkeep of the aging facilities in our building. We had several work days throughout the year to maintain the grounds, plantings, and trees; work days that were well-supported by our dedicated members. And all year we had thorough grounds maintenance by **Nancy McNamara**, **Helen Parker,** and **Smitty Smith.**

Volunteers. A number of new volunteers have been added to our ranks during the year, largely through the efforts of **Nancy McNamara** who coordinates volunteer efforts. Among the volunteers, the Quilt Committee has produced a lovely quilt in the "Grandmother's Fan" pattern that when raffled will bring in funds to supplement our budget. Our Purchasing agent, **Barbara Holmes**, insures that the supplies that we need are available, and provides assistance and support for many of our activities.

Officers**.** Our Treasurer, **Steve Mabie**, who is ably assisted by his wife, **Nancy**, continues to manage our finances. Our Annual Fund Drive, an important source of operating funds, was not supported as well as in the previous year, perhaps a reflection of the vacancy in the position of 3rd V. P. (Finance). Our Secretary, **Nancy Denning**, faithfully compiled the minutes for Board and Membership meetings.

James H. Garrett

SAGHS FOUNDERS' DAY

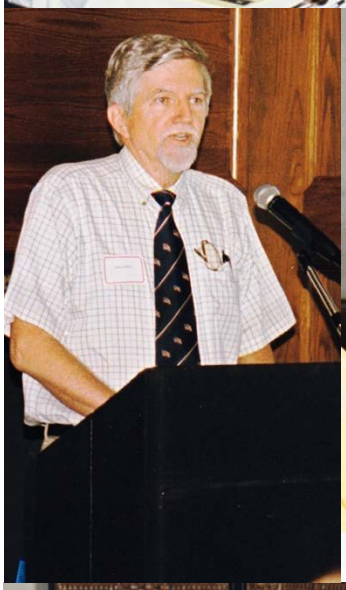
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NEW BOOKS

Gift of Barbara Johns

Lubbock County Marriages and Obituaries 1896-1920 Womack, Judy and Yvonne Spence Perkins TX lubb8

Gift of Julie Yates Taylor

The Trabue Family in America 1700-1983 Yates, Julie Trabue and Charles C. Trabue, IV FH Trabue

Gift of Harrell Estate by Mr. Smoot

War of 1812 Pensioners Living in Alabama During the 1880s Anonymous AL 00004 (21)

Alabama Postal Roads with Maps 1818-1845 Scruggs, J. H., Jr. Al 00004 (22)

Alabama Postal History Scruggs, J. H., Jr. AL 00004 (23)

Civil War; Stories of North Alabama and the South Fulenwider, Daan AL 00004 (9)

Alabama Series Volume I Marriages Compiled from Early Newspapers Foley, Helen S. AL 00008 (25)

Blount County Alabama Early Records Vol. IV Marriages 1820-1844 Hudson, Lottie Painter AL blou8

Blount County, Alabama Early Records Vol. V Marriages 1852-1866 Hudson, Lottie Painter AL blou8

Cullman County Cemeteries Volume III North Central Alabama Genealogical Society AL cull8

Cullman County, Alabama Death Records December 1886 - December 1908 Brock, Paula Allen AL cull8

Morgan Co., Alabama Cemeteries Volume I and II Marine, Marilyn Sue Short & Ivydene Simpson Walls AL morg8

Maryland Heritage -- A Family History Adams, Katherine Beall Adams FH Beall

Drake-Arrington, White-Turner, Linn-Brown and Two Dozen Related Southern Lines Linn, Jo White FH Drake

The Guthery Family of Cullman County, Alabama, Boyd, Ima Gene FH Guthery

Some Descendants of John Langston III Vols. 1&2 Langston, Nancy Lovett FH Langston

Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia and Other States Volume II McCall, Ettie Tidwell GA 00002 (15b)

Historical and Genealogical Collections of Dooly County Georgia Vols. I, II, and III Powell, Nora and Powell, Watts GA dool0

Civil War Claims in the South; An index of Civil War damage claims filed before the Southern Claims Commission, 1871-1880 Mills, Gaary B. RF 14004 (57)

The Third and Fourth or 1820 and 1821 Land Lotteries of Georgia Lucas, Silas Emmett GA 00006 (15)

NEW BOOKS

Purchase from Memorial Funds

Adair County, Kentucky & Surrounding Areas Assorted Births Watson, Michael C. KY adai8

History of Wolfeborough (New Hampshire) Parker, Benjamin Franklin NH carr4

Faces of Bexar; Early San Antonio & Texas De La Teja, Jesus TX bexa4 (67)

Kentucky Divorces 1792-1850; An Index to Divorces Granted or Authorized by the State Legislature Watson, Michael C. KY 00008 (7)

Gift of Harrell Estate by Mr. Smoot

Bulloch County, Georgia Genealogical Source Material Register, Alvaretta Kenen GA bull0

Marriage Records of Bulloch Co., Georgia 1796 (Origin of Co.) through 1875 Register, Alvaretta Kenan GA bull8

1850 Census of Georgia (Jefferson County) Otto, Rhea Cumming GA jeff2

Maryland Eastern Shore Vital Records 1751-1775 Wright, F. Edward MD 00008 (8)

Somerset County Wills; Will Book EB5 1770-1777 & 1675-1710 Skinner, V. L. Jr. MD some7

Somerset County Wills; Will Book EB9 1667-1748 Skinner, V. L., Jr. MD some7

The History of the Mississippi State Society DAR Porter, Anne Hughes, chairman MS 000005 (1)

History of Rankin County Mississippi Volume I Rankin County Historical Society MS rank4

Mount Paran Baptist Church 1853-1977, A History Moss, Marie T. & Brenda W. Neal NC clev4

Family Cemeteries Laurens County, S.C. Index to Volume 2 Bolt, James Leland & Margaret Eltinge Bolt SC laur8

Family Cemeteries Laurens County, S.C. Volume 2 Bolt, James Leland & Margaret Eltinge Bolt SC laur8

Settlement of Pendleton District, South Carolina 1777-1800 Van Clayton, Frederick SC pend4

Pickens County South Carolina Cemetery Survey Volume 1 Pendleton Chapter of S.C. Genealogical Society SC pick8

Some Spartanburg Co. Cemeteries Gainey, Joseph R. SC spar8

Spartanburg County, S.C. Cemetery Survey Volume One Pinckney Chapter of SC Genealogical Society SC spar8

A History of Halifax County (Virginia) Carrington, Wirt Johnson VA hali4