San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society

A Member Society Chartered in 1959

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A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions

June-July 2018 *Newsletter*

The next general meeting of the SAGHS membership will be on 16 June 2018. Our general meeting in June occurs at our Founders' Day event.

11:30 A.M., Omni Colonnade Hotel

FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCHEON

20th Anniversary
First Families of Bexar County
Quilt Tickets!
Good Food—Good Friends

Register by 2 June
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Speaker: Dr. Jesús F. de la Teja, Regents' Professor of History, and Director of the Center for the Study of the Southwest at Texas State University. He has published extensively on Spanish, Mexican, and Republic-era Texas, most recently *Faces of Béxar: Early San Antonio and Texas.*

President's Message

The replacement of the unserviceable chair lift system has been completed. Patrons will need to get familiar with the new system and will need to follow the directions carefully.

We are continuing to work with the attorney for the Yvette Helene Dwyer estate as the Society is named in her will. The estate is very complex, and progress is slow.

The water heater failed, and has been replaced, along with some plumbing system upgrades required to meet current local code,

The Board accepted a proposal from a Cub Scout Den to plant a tree on our property. Helen Parker, Building and Grounds Co-Chair, will be coordinating this project.

Details of our Founders' Day event on June 16 are being finalized. Plan to attend

Membership renewals are now being processed. I encourage you to renew your membership before the end of June.

James H. Garrett

2018—2019 Membership Dues are Due

It is time to submit your dues payment for our next fiscal year, 1 July 2018 — 30 June 2019. Again this year you can renew or join at the SAGHS website using your credit card. Renew online starting 1 June (using this LINK), or print the enclosed flyer (page 3) and drop it at the library or mail it back with your payment. Dues paid before 1 July 2018 will maintain your name on the mailing list for the July issue of *Our Heritage*. If dues are paid between 1 July and 31 August your copy of the July issue of *Our Heritage* will be available for pick up at the library. Those members not renewing by 1 September will be dropped from the active membership roll.

Even if you are renewing membership we ask that you fill out and return the application form so that our membership database contains the most up-to-date contact information.

June — July — August Calendar



Sunday, 10 June—CLASS: "Researching Ancestors in the Republic of Texas and Early Statehood," Instructor: Larry Luckett, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

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

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

Saturday, 16 June — FOUNDERS' DAY Luncheon, 11:30 A.M., Omni Hotel at the Colonnade. See flier.

Saturday, 16 June — Library CLOSED, Founders' Day

Sunday, 17 June — Library CLOSED, Father's Day

Wednesday, 4 July— Library CLOSED, Independence Day

Sunday, 8 July CLASS: "Writing a Family History and Citing Your Sources," Instructor: Diane Scannell, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex

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

Wednesday, 11 July—Workshop: Family Tree Maker, Moderator: Scott Atkinson, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Tuesday, 24 July—DNA Consult with Kurt Kneeland. Pre-registration required.

Wednesday, 8 Aug.—Workshop: Family Tree Maker, Moderator: Scott Atkinson, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Sunday, 12 Aug.—CLASS: "Brick Wall Panel Discussion," Instructor: Our SAGHS Panel of Experts, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Tuesday, 14 Aug.—SAGHS Board, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex

Tuesday, 28 Aug.—DNA Consult with Kurt Kneeland. Pre-registration required.

Beverly Rakowitz and our Library Committee have developed a finding aid for accessing newspapers and magazines on line. It is attached for your use.

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. or as posted, at the SAGHS Library Annex, 911 Melissa, San Antonio.

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

Sunday, 10 June—"Researching Ancestors in the Republic of Texas and Early Statehood," Instructor: Larry W. Luckett. The Republic of Texas was a foreign nation, independent of the United States for nine years. The class will address Republic of Texas records in addition to those of early statehood that are useful in supporting genealogical research.



Sunday, 8 July — "Writing a Family History and Citing Your Sources," Instructor: Diane Scannell. This class will demonstrate ways to banish your fears and to make writing a pleasant part of your week. Diane will also briefly explain why citing your sources is important.



Sunday, 12 August — "Brick Wall Panel Discussion," Today's panel presentation offers a different class method to review strategies that one might employ to resolve a brick wall research problem.

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Summer Schedule Changes

Our volunteers work very diligently all year so we take a lighter load during the summer. Here is an overview of changes in our routine schedule.

- The *Newsletter* is not published in July.
- The general membership does not meet in July or August; the next meeting is on 15 September.
- The library is closed on Father's Day, Founders' Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day.

San Antonio
GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
founded 1959

New Member / Renewal Application

Membership Year: 1 July – 30 June

- **New members** may join the Society at a pro-rated fee: 1 January – 30 June ½ fee
- Former members are eligible for pro-rated fee only if they have not been members of the Society for a full year (July 1 – June 30) prior to rejoining the Society.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Type of membership:	☐ Single $40.00 ☐ Student $25.00	☐ Joint $60.00 (maximum of 2 individuals, at one address) ☐ Subscription $25.00 **(Journal & Newsletter only)**

Single or <u>Primary</u> Joint Member		**Secondary Joint Member**	
Prefix: ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Miss ☐ Dr. ☐ M ☐ F		**Prefix:** ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Miss ☐ Dr. ☐ M ☐ F	
Name:		**Name:**	
Preferred Name/ Nickname:	**Maiden Name:**	**Preferred Name/ Nickname:**	**Maiden Name:**
DOB: (at least month & day)		**DOB:** (at least month & day)	
E-Mail:		**E-Mail:**	
Occupation / Retired from:		**Occupation / Retired from:**	
Are you: ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced		**Are you:** ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced	

Household Mailing Address:

Phone Number: ( )	**Alternate: ( )**

Would you be willing to volunteer your time to the Society ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what skills, talents & interests do you wish to share?

Do you want to receive the SAGHS Journal *Our Heritage?* ☐ Yes ☐ No

For SAGHS use only Date: Check #:

Send this form with your check to: SAGHS, 911 Melissa Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78213-2024

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MEMORIALS

Frances Howard Pryor
Yvette LeCubain Dwyer
Nancy Lee Bell

Nancy Bell, a former member, requested in her obituary that in lieu of flowers donations be sent to SAGHS.

Donations to Memorials help purchase books and databases for our library. You may submit memorial donations in person or by mail to the library.

NEW MEMBERS

Charlie Carvajal **Diana DeVore**
Susan Medlin **Randy Ehlers**
Norma Eisenhauer-Newbury
Patty and Alvin Sitchler
Yolanda Kirkpatrick

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

Newly Arrived Books

Gift of Ann Oppenheimer

Bible Records of North Carolina North Carolina Genealogical Society NC 00008 (10)

Washington County, Tennessee Records Mccown, Mary Hardin, transc. TN wash0

Estate of Irene McCrystal

Mother Angelique Ayers, Dreamer and Builder of Our Lady of the Lake University Callahan, Sister Generosa RF 33004 Ayers

The Lonely Sentinel, Fort Clark: On Texas's Western Frontier Pirtle, Caleb & Cusack, Michael TX 00004 (52)

Estate of Lavonne Bradfield

Genealogy and Biographical Record of Perle Kenney Crowell Crowell-Tarver, Tricia FH Crowell

Silberne Buch der Familie Sack, Das; Geschichte und Genealogie Sack Families FH Sack

Silberne Buch der Familie Sack, Das Edited by Sack Families FH Sack

Silberne Buch der Familie Sack, Das Sack, Rudolf, editor FH Sack

These Are the Generations; A Biography of the Von Roeder Family and Its Role in Texas History (2nd Ed.) Volumes I and II Von Roeder, Flora FH Von Roeder

Revolutionary War Records, Duplin and Sampson Counties, North Carolina; Contributions to Genealogy Bizzell, Virginia L. & Oscar M. NC dupl4

Gift of G. L. Lamborn

To Blind the Eyes of Our Enemies; Washington's Grand Deception Lamborn, G. L. & Simpson, W. L., Jr. RF 10004 (11)

Gift of Hoppy Strickland

Castleberry and Allied Families Castleberry, Jesse Wendell FH Castleberry

Newly Arrived Books

Purchase by Memorial Fund

The Name Is the Game; Onomatology and the Genealogist Bockstruck, Lloyd de Witt RF 00000 (65)

The Family Tree Italian Genealogy Guide Holtz, Melanie D. RF 06000 (15)

A Ship to Remember; The Maine and the Spanish-American War Blow, Michael RF 16004 (26)

Hoover Funeral and Burial Records of Bedford County, Tennessee Marsh, Helen C. & Timothy R. TN bedf8

Gift of Linda Lyssy by Amy Pettit

The Genealogist's Google Toolbox, 2nd Edition Cooke, Lisa Louise RF 00000 (260)

Moravia, Gem of the Czech Republic Tomanek, Robert RF 06000 (14)

Missouri Genealogical Research Schweitzer, George K. MO 00000 (21)

Vision; Community Christian School '77 AL 00004 (24)

Short Geographical Description of Communities from Vsetin County, The Czech Republic Richard Pavlik RF 06000 (13)

Gift of Patricia Merk

I Want to Know; Biographical Genealogies of Arrington and Taylor et al Arrington, Lawson B. FH Arrington

A Family Album Johnson, Rebekah Baines FH Johnson

Rare Books

Automobile Owners of San Antonio and the Number of Their Autos Eyesol Medicine Company TX bexa 0

Blue Book for Visitors, Tourists and those seeking a good time while in San Antonio Cude, Elton R. TX bexa4

Origin and Fall of the Alamo, March 6, 1836 Ford, John S. TX bexa4 (18) Rare Book



Sorting and digitizing the vertical files never ends as SAGHS library receives more donated materials. Sorting newly received materials are (l-r) Diane Adams, Mary Souter, Carolyn Wilcoxen, and Barbara McPherson. (*photo by Larry Luckett*)

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!

Texas State Genealogical Society
2018 Family History Conference
2-4 November San Antonio, Texas
www.txsgs.org

Save the Dates!

New Chair Lift Installed



Barbara McPherson operates the new chair lift to raise a heavy box of files to the second-floor work room. (*photo by Larry Luckett*)

The non-functional chair lift in the library has been replaced with a new system. The lift allows workers to raise and lower heavy loads between the first and second floors. The lift is also used as a mobility aid to assist workers who may be challenged in navigating the stairs. Detailed instructions on the use of the lift are at the librarian's desk and should be reviewed before attempting use of the lift. Thanks to David Ringer Building and Grounds Co-Chair for arranging the purchase and replacement.

Donations to support the funding of this out-of-the-ordinary budget item would be appreciated. Mail your contribution to the library or contact/email:

president@txsaghs.org

Luckett Leaves the Newsletter Desk

He's not Superman. But after five years performing as Clark Kent, Jimmy Olsen, and Perry White to produce the SAGHS *Newsletter,* Larry Luckett has decided to pass the responsibilities to other hands. Luckett would like to thank the numerous SAGHS Lois Lanes who assisted him (as reporters, not love life!) in providing ideas, stories, and images for the *Newsletter*.

The incoming editor for the *Newsletter* is Pat Merk. We wish her well in the new position.

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society celebrates our

59th ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY

WHEN: Saturday, 16 June 2018
TIME: 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (lunch served at noon)
LOCATION: Omni at the Colonnade
9821 Colonnade Blvd, San Antonio
(IH10 West, take Wurzbach Exit; Free Parking)
RESERVATIONS: Members $40, Non-Members $45
Available through Saturday, 2 June

Join us to celebrate our heritage and to mingle with the newest and previous First Families of Bexar County honorees. We will swear in our new Directors-at-Large.

To celebrate the San Antonio Tricentennial, our speaker will be Jesús F. de la Teja, author and former Texas State Historian, who will present an overview of the impact of the military presence on early Bexar County history.

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Our luncheon menu is Chicken with a Marsala wine demi-glaze, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and dessert. Coffee and tea are also included.
[Email Annette Graham at blameitonmyroots@gmail.com if a vegetarian or gluten-free meal is needed]

Mail this form and your check by 2 June to: SAGHS, 911 Melissa Drive, San Antonio, TX 78213

OR Reserve ONLINE at the SAGHS website www.txsaghs.org.
Log in to your SAGHS member account to receive the member price.
Your payment is your reservation. (late reservation add $5.00 per person)

NAME _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

No. of Member Attendees: _____ x $40.00 each = $ _____

No. of Non-Member Attendees: _____ x $45.00 each = $ _____

Total Amount: = $ _____

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Newspapers and Magazines

How do you find articles in genealogy periodicals?

PERiodical Source Index (PERSI)

- provides a simple way to access articles, photos, and other material
- over 2.5 million entries from thousands of historical, genealogical and ethnic publications
- thousands of genealogy and local history entries (in both English and French) from United States, Canada, Britain, Ireland and Australia
- twenty-two different subject headings, or record types; including biography, cemeteries, census records, church records, court records, deeds, institutions, land records, maps, military records, naturalization records, obituaries, passenger lists, probate records, school records, tax records, vital records, voter records, and wills
- Article about three or fewer specific families are arranged by surname.
- Created at Allen County Public Library
- **Available on *Find My Past*; free to search, subscription to open the full text**

Web Sites of Interest Covering Magazines, Newspapers, and Serials

Ad*Access
(http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/adaccess)
- images and information in over 7,000 advertisements in newspapers and magazines between 1911 and 1955

Allen County Public Library
(http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/)
Contact the Allen County Public Library Foundation (P.O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270) to obtain copies of articles in the PERSI index.
- Form to request the articles available at: http://www.genealogycenter.org/

Ancestry (http://ancestry.com)
- **Available free at SAGHS**
- Over 1000 Newspapers & periodicals
- Includes *Newspaper.com*

Briscoe Centers' Newspaper Collections
(www.cah.utexas.edu/research/newspapers.php)
- 4,500+ Texas, Southern U.S., and non-U.S. titles
- Newspaper clipping morgues from New York Herald, New York Times, New York Journal American and Newsweek
- Includes The Portal of Texas (http://texashistory.unt.edu/search/) a gateway to Texas history materials

Digital Public Library of America, DPLA
(http://dp.la)
- Good for cultural facts about ancestors

Chronicling America, Library of Congress
(http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/)
- Free access; U.S. newspapers 1690 to present with the holdings information
- Some links to digital images

Cyndi's List (http://cyndislist.com/newspapers)
- Browse Categories to see more on Cyndi's List; i.e., Genealogy, Magazines, and more

Elephind.com (https://elephind.com/)
- Register; search digital newspapers in one place

European Library
(www.theeuropeanlibrary.org)
- Digital content and magazines offered by more than 40 libraries
- Historical newspapers

Find My Past (http://www.findmypast.com)
- Subscription database
- Includes: **PERSI**, Census, Immigration, Military, Churches, Vital Records and Life events for US, British, and Irish families…
- Search from drop down for Newspapers & Magazines
- Search: British, Irish, US & World newspapers or PERSI
- Search by: Relevance, Last name, Publication Year, Article title, Periodical, Publishers, How To
- Search results are free up to this point; you can get article title, periodical title and year. Once you click on the page icon, you will have to have a subscription

Genealogy Bank (http://genealogybank.com)

- One of best sites for old newspapers
- Subscription database

Google Books
(http://books.google.com/books/magazines/language/en)

- Includes serials
- Google News Archive includes US & Canadian newspapers

Hathi Trust Digital Library
(www.hathitrust.org)

- Millions of titles including magazines and other types periodicals
- Search for a particular magazine, search by titles; a specific title, search by keyword of an event, location or period of time. & limit by material type

Historical Newspapers and Indexes on the Internet
(www.researchguides.net/newspapers.htm)

- Links to state historical societies, organizations with free, searchable archives online
- Historical Newspapers Online

Internet Archive Digitized Books and Serials
(http://archive.org/details/texts)

- Type serial title or resources
- Use advanced search option (http://archive.org/advancedsearch.php) for information about an event or period of time involving ancestors

Internet Public Library (http://www.ipl.org/)

- Another way to search for old newspapers
- Find a Newspaper to access their archives
- Select a state, link to a city, get a listing of all newspapers

My Heritage (www.myheritage.com/)

- Subscription database
- Historic newspapers

Newspaper Archives
(www.newspaperarchive.com)

- 1607-to present
- Subscription required

Newspaper Websites

- Check individual newspaper websites; access might be provided to past issues

NUCMC National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections, Library of Congress
(http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc)

- Provide bibliographic access to nation's documentary heritage
- *See also WORLDCAT*

San Antonio Public Library (SAPL)
(www.mysapl.org/)
San Antonio Public Library provides access to Family History and Genealogy resources. Using your library card, you can use the online resources from any computer—even at home. Select Databases from the taskbar:

- America's Obituaries & Death Notices
- American Indian Histories and Cultures
- Directory of Open Access Journals, (DOAJ)
- Handbook of Texas
- Historical Newspapers
- Images of America
- Newspaper Source
- San Antonio *Express News* 1990 to present
- Search Multiple Databases at Once – on the list of Databases
- SAPL webpage (http://guides.mysapl.org) provides convenient Resource Guides

UNZ Site (www.unz.com)

- Popular and Not-So-Popular Serials
- provides popular and not so popular serials; many in full text

U.S. Newspaper Directory (www.usnpl.com)

- Information on US Newspapers and links to Genealogy Buff (www.genealogybuff.com/np)

WORLDCAT (http://www.worldcat.org/)
Provides access to information. Search the collections of more than 9,000 libraries to locate books, newspapers, and magazines.

- Request articles or books through Interlibrary Loan
- Identify local libraries with the magazines or newspapers
- Access to jstor.org for full-text articles; cost to download
- www.oclc.org/go/en/worldcat-genealogy.html/ gives information on using WorldCat as a genealogical research tool