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A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions

March 2018 *Newsletter*

SAGHS General Membership Meeting

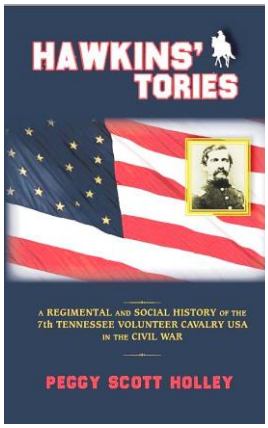
The next meeting of the General Membership will be on

Saturday, 17 March 2018

10:00 A.M. at the SAGHS Library Annex.

Program speaker: Peggy Scott Holley, Author, *Hawkins' Tories*

Topic: 7th Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry, Civil War Unionists in Western Tennessee



Peggy Holley will discuss Tennessee's involvement in the Civil War and the 7th Tenn. Volunteer Cavalry. Although surrounded by Confederate sympathizers, a small group of Unionists in the eastern part of West Tennessee refused to succumb to pressure to join the rebellion.

The business meeting follows the program.

Meetings are open to all, and Refreshments will be served.

Easter Hours for the SAGHS Library

Good Friday, 30 Mar – Closed
Saturday, 31 Mar 10:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M.
Easter Sunday, 01 Apr – Closed
Monday, 02 Apr 10:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M.

President's Message

Our organization continues to evolve as we move forward. Following the resignation of our Secretary, Julia George, Barbara Holmes has agreed to fill that position. The Board acted to appoint Barbara to fill the remainder of Julia's term, and that action was subsequently ratified by the General Membership. Our thanks go to Julia for her leadership in this position, as well as our best wishes as she addresses her health situation. Pat Merk has agreed to fill in as a back-up for the Secretary. Thanks, also to Barbara and Pat for filling these positions.

Longtime newsletter editor, Larry Luckett, has indicated his desire not to continue in this position beyond the end of this fiscal year. Members interested in filling this position are encouraged to contact Larry or Publications Chair, Cindy Kennedy, at *publications@txsaghs.org* for more information.

We are seeking a volunteer to handle grant request writing. We are developing a number of projects to improve our facilities and operations which will require funds beyond our general budget. Grants will be an important element in implementing these projects. If you would be willing to help in this effort please contact me.

We have expanded the handicapped parking area to include the two spaces in front of the annex to allow better access to our facility. The chair lift for access to the upper floor is currently out of service. Due to the age and condition of the present chair lift, we have determined that it is prudent to replace the system rather than continue to make costly repairs. We are identifying a more appropriate system as well as addressing funding.

The First Families of Bexar County application submitted by Juanita Antonia Santos, of Houston, has been approved. We will recognize her at the Founders' Day Luncheon on 16 June.

James H. Garrett

March – April Calendar



Saturday, 10 Mar.—Workshop: Family Tree Maker, Moderator: Scott Atkinson, 9:00 A.M. to12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex. (Date change)

Sunday, 11 Mar.—"Westward Migration and the Impact of the Erie Canal," Instructor: Steve Mabie, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex

Tuesday, 13 Mar.—SAGHS Board, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex

Saturday, 17 Mar. — GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, "7th Tennessee U.S. Cavalry in the Civil War," Peggy Scott Holley, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex

Friday, 30 Mar.—Library CLOSED, Good Friday

Sunday, 01 Apr.—Library CLOSED, Easter

Sunday, 08 Apr.—"Analyze Your Research Findings," Instructor: Cindy Kennedy, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex

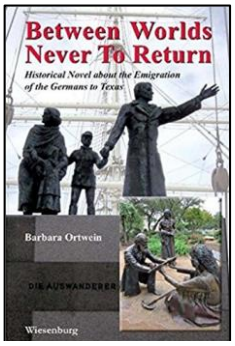
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Saturday, 21 Apr. — GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Election of Directors-at-Large, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex

Saturday, 28 Apr. — Book Signing, Author Barbara Ortwein discusses her trilogy on German Immigration to Texas**,** 10:30 A.M., SAGHS Annex

Save the date to hear history fiction author, Barbara Ortwein, talk about her books on German migration to America. On Saturday, 28 April beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the SAGHS Annex, Barbara presents her trilogy about a German family's journey and their struggles to establish a new residence and way of life. In addition to her presentation, the morning's activity includes a sing-along, refreshments, book sales, and book signing for you to enjoy. Although a free admission, we ask you to register in advance by calling SAGHS at 210-3425242 or emailing *education@txsaghs.org*. Guests are welcome.



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.



Sunday, 11 March—"Westward Migration and the Impact of the Erie Canal," Instructor: Steve Mabie. Today's program will discuss how the opening of the Erie Canal in the early 19th century facilitated the migration of settlers from the eastern seaboard states to the Midwest and beyond.



Sunday, 08 April—"Analyze Your Research Findings," Instructor: Cindy Kennedy. You may have stacks of printouts, as well as files saved on your computer—all connected to specific research questions. Where to go from here? Come to this class to learn how to analyze your sources, the information contained in the sources, and the evidence that pertains to your research questions.

Sunday, 20 May— "Researching Ancestors in Spanish Colonial and Mexican National Texas," Instructor: Larry W. Luckett. Today's program will discuss archives, resources, and techniques to locate records of your ancestors in Texas in 1718-1835.



This class is moved due to Mother's Day on 13 May.

Please call the library 210-342-5242 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

FOUNDERS' DAY LUNCHEON
16 JUNE 2018

New Location: OMNI Hotel at the Colonnade
Speaker: Jesús F. de la Teja
Topic: "San Antonio's Military Origins" as an outpost presidio on the Spanish colonial frontier
Induction of New Officers
Recognition of First Families of Bexar County

SAVE THE DATE

Nominating Committee Announces Candidates for Directors-at-Large

At our Membership Meeting on 17 February the SAGHS Nominating Committee presented the following candidates for Director-at-Large:

DAVID RINGER,

CHARLES BRUSSELLS,

and **BILL MYERS**

These three have volunteered to serve the Society in leadership positions for the next two years. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Membership Meeting on 17 March, and the three Director-at-Large positions will be voted at the Membership Meeting on 21 April.

Thanks to the SAGHS nominating committee for their efforts in identifying candidates.

VISIT SAGHS on FACEBOOK

Here's some of what you missed in February if you are not following SAGHS on Facebook.

- A video webinar that explains how to search the 70% of records on Family Search that are not indexed
- Fold3 has added Texas and California to its collection of U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards
- Tom Tryniski digitized nearly 50 million pages of newspapers in his living room
- Vinegar Valentines: The Victorian tradition of sending anonymous hate mail

You need to visit the **SAGHS FACEBOOK PAGE**.

Click on the image link, and be sure to "LIKE" the page when you get there.

Like us on Facebook



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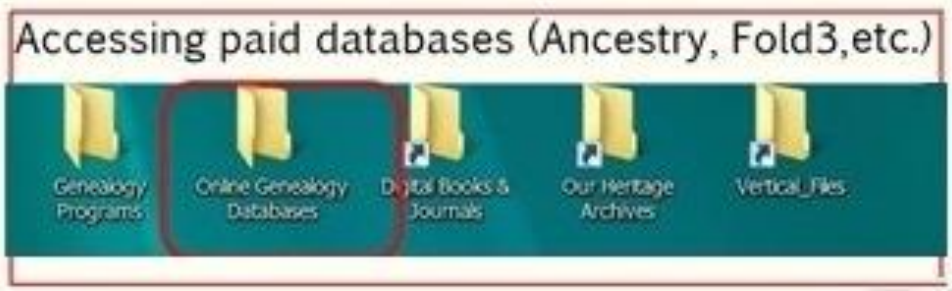
Surname Index

Be sure to visit the SAGHS website to inspect the listing of member surnames. Several members have reported connections with others researching their family names. Visit the "Members Only" section to submit your family surnames so others may know your research interests. The more information that you enter (such as location and dates of your ancestors), the better connections will be made.

Your Library is more than Books on the shelf!

While the SAGHS library has over 17,000 volumes of printed materials for research, there is much more to support your genealogical investigations. You can find online databases on the computer stations, where links are conveniently located in a folder labeled

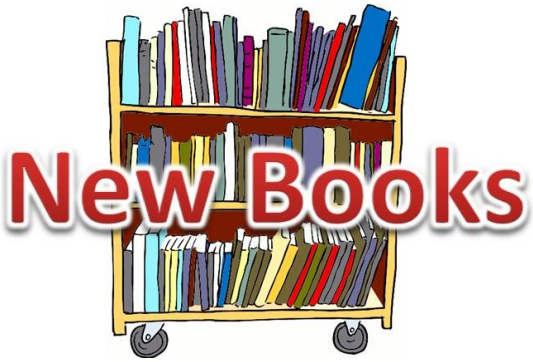
ONLINE GENEALOGY DATABASES (see image).



Databases include:

Ancestry.com (Library Edition)
NewYorkFamilyHistory.org
FamilySearch.org
AmericanAncestors.com
HistoryGeo.com
fold3.com

Come in to your library soon and enjoy access to these wide-ranging and extensive repositories of information and records to expand your research.
(Access is through the on-site library computers and is not available through the SAGHS website).



Gift of Rob Lewis

Scottish Ancestry; Research Methods for Family Historians Irvine, Sherry RF 02000 (4)

Familia: Ulster Genealogical Review Number 26, 2010 Ulster Historical Foundation RF 03004 (17a)

Gift of Nancy McNamara

*The Adoption Searchbook: Techniques for Tracing People*Rillera, Mary Jo RF 00000 (54)

Civil War Genealogy Schweitzer, George K. RF 14004 (129)

In the Footsteps of the Blue and Gray: A Civil War Research Handbook Brown, Brian A. RF 14004 (130)

The Shifting Sands of Cam Ranh Bay R.V.N. 1965-1972 Eberhart, Carolyn J. & Sentif, Janice S. RF 15004 (2)

African Americans on the Western Frontier Billington, Monroe L. & Roger D. Hardaway, Eds. RF 21004 (28)

High Mountains & Deep Valleys: The Gold Bonanza Days Clark, Lew and Ginny RF 21004 (34)

American Naturalization Records 1790-1990: What They Are and How to Use Them Newman, John J. RF 21004 (59)

Rise to be A People: A Biography of Paul Cuffe Thomas, Lamont D. RF 33004 Cuffe

A Day at San Jacinto in 1836: The Battle and Related Events Ericson, Joe E. TX 00004 (105)

Gift of Anonymous

The Tucker Band: Tuckers and Related Families (Burtons and MaGills) Lawrence, Harold, comp., Culberson, Nancy, Ed.& Indexer FH Tucker

Nase Dejiny: The Magazine of Czech Genealogy (1982-1989) (Vol. 1-8)

Purchase by Memorial Fund

Carmack's Guide to Copyright & Contracts; A Primer for Genealogists, Writers & Researchers Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo RF 00000 (53)

Evidence Explained; Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace Mills, Elizabeth Shown RF 00000 (54)

The Chicago Manual of Style Sixteenth Edition Univ. of Chicago Press Staff RF 00000 (55)

GROUNDS CLEAN-UP



Please mark your calendars and plan to join your friends and to make new friends at the SAGHS Spring Grounds Clean-up Day.

Saturday, 24 Mar., from 9:00 A.M. to noon

Snacks and refreshments at 8:30 A.M.

Remember to bring your gloves and sunscreen!

And everyone is welcome, so drop by and lend a hand. Thank you, and hope to see you on March 24th!

Merri Murphy and David Ringer

Co-chairs, Buildings & Grounds Committee



James Cole

Danielle Griffin

Joyce McFarland

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

MEMORIALS

Jean Norton Dickman

Viviano Rodriguez

Freeman Lewis

Father of Rob Lewis

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