San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society

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A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions

January 2018 *Newsletter*

SAGHS General Membership Meeting

The next meeting of the General Membership will be on

Saturday, 20 January 2018

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

Program speaker: Kathleen DesOrmeaux
World Heritage Ambassador for the City of San Antonio

Topic: Connecting with your ancestors using food and recipes

The business meeting follows the program.

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

Snow at SAGHS

We didn't have a White Christmas in 2017, but two weeks before then we had a two-inch snowfall in San Antonio—quite unusual for us. It was gone quickly, but it was pretty while it lasted. See the image above.

President's Message

We've had a good response both to the Annual Fund Drive and to the Membership Survey. Thanks to all who responded to these requests. You will hear more about both of these in the near future.

We can all be extremely proud of the accomplishments of our members in the Texas State Genealogical Society Writing Awards Program in which SAGHS garnered a large number of very prestigious awards—including six First Place awards among eleven categories! These awards are detailed elsewhere in the *Newsletter*. Please consider writing your research and submitting your work in the 2018 competition.

At the December SAGHS Board meeting, we agreed to participate in "Big Give 2018." The Big Give sponsors a 24-hour day of giving to non-profits in South Central Texas. This program gives SAGHS exposure to the general public, and will supplement our Annual Fund Drive, which is directed only to our members. Our 3rd Vice President (Finance), Arnold Birdsong is coordinating this effort. Additional information is available online at www.thebiggivesa.org/

The Board also took action to change the provision for the proration of dues for new members in order to be compatible with our website member dues payment capability. This change will result in a single, semi-annual proration, rather than the current three, quarter-annual prorations. This change will be presented at the January General Membership Meeting.

As we begin a new calendar year, I hope that committee chairs and volunteers would take time to review the descriptions of their activities, and be sure that they are documented.

James H. Garrett

January - February Calendar



Tuesday, 9 Jan.—SAGHS Board, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex

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

Sunday, 14 Jan.—"Ancestry.com Military Records and Fold3," Instructor: Steve Mabie, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Saturday, 20 Jan. — GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, "Connecting to your Ancestors through Food and Recipes," Kathleen DesOrmeaux, the City of San Antonio World Heritage Ambassador, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex

Tuesday, 23 Jan.—DNA Consult with Kurt Kneeland. Pre-registration required.

Sunday, 11 Feb.—"Find-a-Grave," Instructor: Barbara Johns, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

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

Wednesday, 14 Feb.—Workshop: Family Tree Maker, Moderator: Scott Atkinson, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Saturday, 17 Feb. — GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, "Obtaining UNESCO World Heritage Recognition for the San Antonio Missions," Nancy Hammer Avellar of the San Antonio Conservation Society, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex.

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, 14 January—"*Ancestry.com* Military Records and *Fold3*," Instructor: Steve Mabie, A beginner to intermediate level class will discuss the various types of military records available at *Ancestry.com* and *Fold3*. It further explains how to access this information and how to use it.

Sunday, 11 February — "Find-a-Grave.com," Instructor: Barbara Johns. Barbara will demonstrate the use of this ever-changing, free website, *FindaGrave,com*. She encourages you to bring your laptop or tablet and family tree(s) to make the presentation more meaningful, but laptops or tablets are not necessary to attend the class.

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 nineteenth century facilitated the migration of settlers from the eastern seaboard states to the Midwest and beyond.

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

Many thanks to the **Annual Fund Drive** donors listed below. Because of your generosity and support, our Society operation is healthy. This listing is those received as of 31 December 2017. We will still accept Annual Fund Donations, and we will identify later donors in subsequent newsletters. To donate, choose "**Support SAGHS**" on our website https://txsaghs.org

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SOLVE YOUR BRICK WALL



Hear Ye, Hear Ye! - Our Panelists await another group of brick wall scenarios to help provide strategies to resolve these perplexing riddles.

Maybe you didn't make the 2017 selection or have yet another family mystery for which you seek assistance.

Using the recommended format will allow our panel to address your problem efficiently. **Please submit your problem by 1 May 2018** either by mailing to or delivering at the SAGHS Library, 911 Melissa Drive, San Antonio, TX 78213 or emailing Education@txsaghs.org. Thank you.

SAGHS BRICK WALL SUBMISSION REQUEST

Please print or type the following information, as well as anything else that might be helpful. Thank you.

1. **Your contact information (name, date, email, phone number).**
2. **What question are you seeking to answer; who is your target person or family?**
3. **What information do you have in relation to this person or family, and how do you know it?**
4. **What searches have you already conducted in trying to answer your question?**

FIRST FAMILIES OF BEXAR COUNTY



Each year SAGHS honors families who prove their descent from an ancestor who was in Bexar County prior to August 1850. You can qualify if one or more of your ancestors lived in the county before 1 August 1850, when the 1850 U.S. census was taken.

Applications are accepted at any time of the year. If the applications are received by **28 February** and the family qualifies, they can be recognized at the SAGHS Founders' Day Luncheon in June 2018.

Download an application at the SAGHS website
http://www.txsaghs.org/cpage.php?pt=17

Example/Recommended Format for Your Brick Wall Submission

The following is an example of a brick wall submission—it is most likely that you will have different types of information. This is a sample; please do not try to follow it specifically.

1. Your contact information: John Doe, 1 May 2018, johndoe@younameit.com, 1-210-777-7777

2. The question: Who were the parents of Henry Bieber, born 15 November 1806 in Virginia, died 15 March 1876 in Ohio? (birth date obtained from transcript of family Bible; death date supported by death register in his county of residence).

3. Known information*:*

- *Married Elizabeth Hanford in 1826 in Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia)—from records of the minister who performed the marriage*
- *Family moved to Ohio in time for birth of third child in December, 1830 and*
- *They had 17 children; the first child was named Sarah and the first son Henry—from Bible transcript verified through census records and a "friendly" lawsuit filed after the widowed Elizabeth's death*
- *A number of individuals have identified his parents as Norman Bieber and Hannah Snow of Pennsylvania, with essentially no documentation. I have located Norman Bieber and Hannah Snow in various records. They had at least one daughter but I have not been able to verify they had a son although it is possible they did. Hannah died at a relative young age; Norman remarried and had a son, John, with his second wife. John married and had only daughters, according to census records and his will.*

4. Searches conducted:

- *Place of birth is uncertain—no birth record is likely, censuses and death records of his children vary from unknown to Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, or Holland. A search of passenger lists from the Netherlands from 1806 to 1826 did not yield any possibilities.*
- *The only deeds located for Henry were in Ohio, beginning in 1842. In his will he left his property to his wife to be passed to his descendants. A friendly lawsuit was filed by one of their sons after her death in order to settle the estate—each living child received about $10 when the estate was settled in 1886.*
- *While I have located two male direct descendants of Henry Bieber, Y-DNA will not help since the only documented son "daughtered out."*
- *Searches have been conducted at Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, Genealogy Bank, Bureau of Land Management as well at the courthouse in his county of residence for death records, wills and probate, court records, and deeds.*

Please do not try to solve this example—it is fictional!!

Newly Arrived Books

Gift of Jay Hakala

Census List City of San Antonio 1874 City of San Antonio RF 00002 (10)

Gift of Jeanette Joinetz

The Bayonet, The History of the 7th Infantry Division in Korea Public Information Office of 7th Infantry Division RF 15004 (1)

United States Military Academy Class of '45: "The 40 Yearbook" USMA sn 246

The Howitzer of 1906 Nineteen Six Howitzer Board SN 244

United States Military Academy Class of 1945 USMA SN 245

After Thirty Years (The USMA Class of 1945) USMA SN 247

20 Year Book (USMA Class of 1945) USMA SN 248

The First Ten USMA SN 249

1946-1956 United States Military Academy Class of 1946 Horne, Kibbey M., ed. SN 250

The Black Knights of West Point (A history of football at the USMA for...1890-1953...) Edson, James S. SN 251

The Bell (Yearbook of the Regular Course Students and Faculty of the Command and General Staff College, United States Army) U. S. Army SN 252

The Summary of the Regular Class of 1956-1957 United States Army Command and General Staff College United States Army SN 253

U. S. Army War College 1963-1964 U. S. Army SN 254

Gift of Larry Luckett

Official U. S. Population Figures Based on the 1950 Census of the United States Bureau of the Census RF 00002 (4)

Newly Arrived Books

Purchase by Memorial Fund

Connecticut in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians Grundset, Eric G. CT 00004 (8)

Massachusetts and Maine in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians Grundset, Eric G. MA 00004 (15)

New York in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians Grundset, Eric G. NY 00004 (18)

No Land ... Only Slaves! Smith, Edith & Vivian Lehman TX trav6

Accessed from Vertical File

Genealogy of: Gullatte - Gullatt - Dunn, Cox, Maynor, Briscoe and Other Families Ennis,Bera Gullatte and Thomas, Anne Gullatte FH Gullatte

Nancy Ward: The Last "Beloved Woman" of the Cherokees McClary, Ben Harris RF 33004 Ward

Gift of Harrell Estate by Mr. Smoot

Cullman County, Alabama Marriage Records Jan 1900 - Dec 1912 North Central Alabama Genealogical Society AL cull8

Some Lauderdale County, Alabama Cemetery Records Garrett, Jill K. & McClain, Iris H. AL laud8

Anderson County Cemeteries Vols. One and Two Bratcher, R. Wayne SC ande8

Gift of Barbara McPherson

North Carolina in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians Grundset, Eric G. NC 00004 (12)

NEW MEMBERS

John Boggs

Jackie Broussard

Don Forisha

Carolyn Gilmore

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

MEMORIALS

Viviano Rodriquez

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Former member

Freeman Lewis

Father of Rob Lewis

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

SAGHS Scores Six 1st Place Awards in Texas State Genealogical Society 2017 Writing Competition



The Texas State Genealogical Society has announced winners for the 2017 Writing Competition and SAGHS has placed in several categories. Great work and congratulations to all.

Category I: Books by Non-Professional / Family History

1st Place: KAREN CLARIDGE WALKER, *Rupert and Evelyn: The Lives and Lineages of Rupert Claridge Jr. and Evelyn Wisdom* (v1: Claridge, Slow, and related families) (2016).

Category III: Manuscripts (Professional)

1st Place: ANNETTE GRAHAM, "David Bennes Barkley-Cantu, Private, U.S. Army, Medal of Honor" (published in *Our Heritage*, v. 58, nos. 1-2, 2017).

2nd Place: CINDY KENNEDY, "Thomas Bronaugh: Veteran of the War of 1812 and Resident of Kentucky, Indiana, and Missouri" (published in *Our Heritage*, v. 58, nos. 3-4, 2017).

3rd Place: ANNETTE GRAHAM, "The Many Wives and Troubled Life of Samuel Clinton Ash" (published in *Our Heritage*, v. 57, nos. 3-4, 2016).

Category III: Manuscripts (Non-Professional)

1st Place: KATHERINE NELSON HALL, "The Nelson Family in World War I," (published in *Our Heritage*, v. 58, nos. 1-2, 2017)

Category VI: Official Periodicals of Partner Societies / Journals

1st Place: *Our Heritage*, Volume 58, (2017), **LARRY LUCKETT, EDITOR**, with assistance and support from Charles Brussells on graphic design and Julia George on the index.

Category VII: Books Published by Partner Societies

1st Place: *Bexar County, Remembering World War I*, (2017), **LARRY LUCKETT, EDITOR,** with support from Charles Brussells and Julia George, and submissions from 18 SAGHS members/authors.

Category I: Website for a Partner Society

1st Place: *www.txsaghs.org,* SAGHS, **LESLIE TOMLINSON, WEBMASTER.**

The awards for *Our Heritage* were supported by the following authors whose articles appeared in volume 58:

Nancy Wright Brennan
Charles Brussells
Albert Reeves Gallatin
Julia B. George
Annette Graham
Katherine Nelson Hall
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Larry W. Luckett
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