

San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society

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A Member Society Chartered in 1959

A newsletter to inform members of Society Activities and Library Acquisitions

February 2017 *Newsletter*

The next general meeting of the SAGHS membership will be on 18 February 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at the SAGHS Library.

Mourning Dress of Confederate Widows

Presented by: Eileen Lehmberg

With the astronomical death rate occurring in Civil War battles, maintaining the etiquette of funerals became stressful. Stopping the pendulum on a clock, black drapes on the doors of the home, and covering mirrors and shiny objects were all customs that indicated respect for the dead as well as fear of the afterlife. Eileen Lehmberg will discuss the widow's mourning wear, the strict timelines for its wear, and the war's impact on the customs of the day.



Deep mourning clothing. Veil on top of the bonnet was lowered over the face while in public. http://civilwarwomenblog.com

Meetings are free and open to the public.

Nominating Committee Seeking Candidates for SAGHS Officers

On 21 January at the first business meeting of the year, the following members were elected to the SAGHS nominating committee:

James Garrett Nancy Brennan

David Ringer Bill Myers Rob Lewis

The nominating committee will identify candidates for six officer positions:

President, Treasurer, Secretary,

1st Vice President (Programs),

2nd Vice President (Membership), and

3rd Vice President (Finance).

Elections will be voted at the Membership Meeting on 15 April. New Officers will assume office on 1 July. Additional nominations may be submitted from the floor at the Membership Meeting on 18 Feb.

If you would like to serve the society in one of these leadership positions, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee or email your intent to askus@txsaghs.org .

February March Calendar



Wednesday, 8 Feb. 2017 — Workshop: Family Tree Maker, Moderator: Scott Atkinson, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Sunday, 12 Feb. — "Taming that Paper File" Instructor: Julia George, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

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

Saturday, 18 Feb. — General Membership Meeting, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex. Topic: "Mourning Dress of Confederate Widows", Speaker: Eileen Lehmberg

Wednesday, 22 Feb. — Workshop: RootsMagic Software, Moderator: Tony Barbieri, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Saturday 25 Feb. — Workshop: Microsoft PowerPoint, Moderator: Barbara Holmes, 11:00 A.M. (see below)

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

Sunday, 12 Mar. — "Hidden Treasures in the SAGHS Library," Instructor: Cindy Kennedy, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

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

Saturday, 18 Mar. — General Membership Meeting, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex. Topic: "Use of Peyote by Native Americans", Speaker: Ted Herrera

Saturday 25 Mar. — Workshop: Microsoft PowerPoint, Moderator: Barbara Holmes, 11:00 A.M. (see below)

Microsoft Power Point Workshop

25 February and 25 March 11:00 am Library Annex

Instructor: Barbara Holmes. This is a 'hands on" 2 hour workshop consisting of 2 classes. Attendance at each class, while recommended, is not necessary. To take full advantage, the participants should bring their laptop with MS PowerPoint installed. **You must pre-register for this class; call the library, 210-342-5242.**

Topics Class 1 (Feb. 25): What, Why & How of using PowerPoint; basic slide formats and designs; inserting data (text, images, objects); insert/delete/change slide format;

Topics Class 2 (Mar. 25): Various views (slide, notes, handouts and outline); animation; slide show set-up; printing; more designs; and common mistakes.

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, 12 February 2017 — "**Taming that Paper File,**" **Instructor:** Julia George.



Feeling overwhelmed with all the family information you have gathered? This beginning to intermediate level class will provide some help on organizing that information in both paper and electronic form. Get some tips on removing the clutter.

Sunday, 12 March — "Hidden Treasures in the SAGHS Library," Instructor: Cindy Kennedy.



This class will highlight the little-known assets of the SAGHS Library. Come discover a few less-than-obvious resources that may help you to further your research. Learn about some seldom used books, databases, and records that might move you back a generation or two!

Sunday, 9 April — "Using Family Search.org," Instructor: Kathy Totten. Explore the expanding digital sources available thru the "SEARCH" and "WIKI" functions of the research web site FamilySearch.org. Personal records, digital books, gazetteers, films, and more are available from your computer. And a paid subscription is not needed.



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

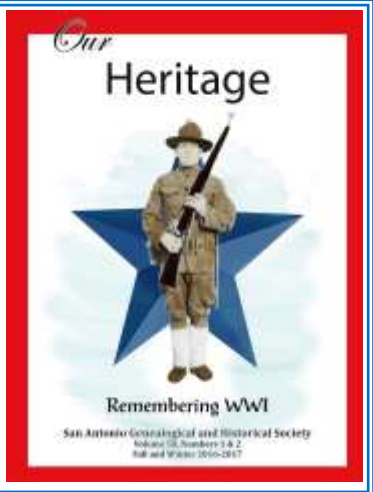
The *Events* schedule is posted on the SAGHS website: http://www.txsaghs.org/eventListings.php?nm=38

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Later this month look for the current issue of *Our Heritage* in your mailbox. This issue commemorates the 100th anniversary of the entry by the U.S. into World War I. With over 100 pages of family stories and historical reviews from 19 authors, it is full of interesting tales of heroism, dedication and sacrifice by our ancestors.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please contact our president at president@txsaghs.org to volunteer for one of the following vacancies:

3rd Vice President (Finance) Librarian

Chair, Publications Committee Registrar

Your society cannot function without the support from dedicated volunteers. Why not step forward and help us to maintain this genealogical resource.



NEW MEMBERS

Jenny Fultz **John Green**

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Larry Lamborn **Alicia O'Neal**

Alvin Poole **Armando Rodriguez**

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

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Carrie Serena Perez
Sister-in-law of Dorothy Perez
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Brother of James Garrett

Charlotte Marie Seiler
Mother-in-law of Sue Seiler

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NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Gift of Harrell Estate

1770-1790 Census of the Cumberland settlements; Davidson, Sumner and Tennessee Counties (In What is Now Tennessee) Fulcher, Richard Carlton TN 00002 (1)

Henry's Heritage; A History of Henry County, Alabama Volume II Warren, Hoyt M. AL henr4

Vital Records of Kent and Sussex Counties Delaware 1686-1800, Second Edition Wright, F. Edward DE kent8

Blankenship Family History Blankinship, Leslie C. FH Blankenship

Some Descendants of Hugh Roe an Immigrant to the Mass. Bay Colony from England ca 1642 Roe, Frank C. FH Roe

Georgia Intestate Records Austin, Jeannette Holland GA 00007 (3)

Abstracts of Colonial Wills of the State of Georgia 1733-1777 Colonial Dames...Georgia GA 00007 (4)

Covington Crossroads; A History of Covington County, Miss. Hitt, Gwen Keys MS covi4

Orphan Court Records (Abstracts of Wills and Estates) 1812-1859 Williams, E. Russ, Jr. MS mari0

Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy Volume I North Carolina Hinshaw, William Wade NC 00004 (24)

Index of North Carolina Ancestors Volume II North Carolina Genealogical Society NC 00003 (3)

North Carolina Wills: A Testator Index, 1665-1900 Mitchell, Thornton W. NC 00007 (6)

Abstracts of Wills Recorded in Orange County, No. Car. 1752-1800. . . and 1800-1850 Shields, Ruth Herndon NC 0ran7

Anson County, N. C. Deed Abstracts Volume 1: 1749-1757 Holcomb, Brent NC anso6

Bladen County, North Carolina Abstracts of Early Deeds 1738-1804 Holcomb, Brent H. NC blad6

Caswell County North Carolina Will Books 1777-1814; 1784 Tax List and Guardians' Accounts 1794-1819 Kendall, Katharine Kerr, abstractor NC cass7

Chowan Precinct North Carolina 1696 to 1723 Genealogical Abstracts of Deed Books Hofmann, Margaret NC chow6

Genealogical Abstracts Duplin County Wills 1730-1860 Murphy, William L. (Bill) NC dupl7

Abstracts of Early Deeds of Nash County North Carolina Books 1-6 Watson, Joseph W. NC nash6

Handy Book for Genealogists, The, Seventh Edition Everton, George B., ed. RF 00000

Military Genealogy Sources Heisey, John W. RF 00000 (42)



Gift of Harrell Estate (cont'd)

Minutes of the Vestry of St. Helena's Parish, South Carolina 1726-1812 Salley, A. S., Jr. SC 00000 (12)

Greenville County, South Carolina Cemetery Survey Vol. 1 Greenville Chapter of So. Car. Genealogical Soc. SC gree8

Laurens County, South Carolina Wills 1784-1840 Elliott, Colleen SC laur7

Greenville Chapter So. Car. Genealogical Society (Pedigree Charts) Hendrix, Ge Lee C. & Lindsay, Morn M., SN 25

Early East Tennessee Taxpayers Creekmore, Pollyanna TN 00002(3)

Tennessee Soldiers in the Revolution Allen, Penelope Johnson TN 00004 (16)

McMinn County, Tennessee Marriages 1820-1970 Boyer, Reba Bayless TN mcmi8

Monroe County, Tennessee Records 1820-1870 Vols I and II Boyer, Reba Bayless TN monr0

Some Prominent Virginia Families (Four Volumes in Two) du Bellet, Louise Perquet VA 00004 (139) (140)

Personal Property Tax Lists for the Year 1787 for Accomack County, Virginia Schreiner-Yantis, Netti & Florene Love VA acco2

Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties, Virginia 1655 - 1900 Wilkerson, Eva Eubank VA rapp8

Gift of Ann Oppenheimer

Honorary State Presidents of the Texas Society Colonial Dames XVII Century 1939-2017 Dahlberg, Laura Duke TX 00005 (14b)

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Historic Oakwood Cemetery with Calvary Cemetery & Old Trinity Cemetery of Fort Worth, Texas Markgraf, Helen McKelvy & Rob G. Yoder TX tarr8

Gift of Beth Milstead

Fisks of Madison County Alabama, The; The Descendants of James Benjamin Fisk Milstead, Beth Shaw FH Fisk

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German People of New Orleans 1850-1900 Nau, John F. LA 00004 (11)

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Cemetery and Bible Records Volume XXIV Mississippi Genealogical Society MS 00008 (1w)

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Rainbow Era on the Rio Grande Pope, Dorothy Lee TX 00004 (78)

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