

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

November/December 2016 *Newsletter*



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Meetings of the General Membership are not planned for November or December. The next meeting will be on 21 January 2017.

Program:

Adolph and Elizabeth Toepperwein Experts in Rifle Marksmanship

Presented by: Author, Tim Price



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. In 1850 Bexar County covered a large part of Texas north and west of the current county boundaries. 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 2017. Even if your research is not yet complete, file an application with a letter of intent, and we will help you to find the records to qualify.

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

November January Calendar



Many Changes in November and December, Please check the schedule carefully.

Tuesday, 8 Nov. -- SAGHS Board, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex.

Wednesday, 9 November – Family Tree Maker® Computer Interest Group –10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex.

Sunday, 13 November – Our usual 2nd Sunday class is post-poned until next Sunday.

Saturday, 19 November – A General Membership Meeting is not scheduled in November.

Sunday, 20 November – Class: "DNA," Speaker: Kurt Kneeland, 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

Wednesday, 23 November – Library Closes at 3:00 P.M. on Thanksgiving Eve. The library re-opens on Saturday, 26 November with regular hours from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Sunday, 11 Dec. — Class: Read All About It! Finding Genealogy Gems in Newspapers." Instructor: Julia George. 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

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

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

Saturday 17 Dec. — A General Membership Meeting is not planned in December; **Library is Open** with regular hours from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Saturday 24 Dec. — Library Closed All Day.

Sunday, 25 Dec. — Library Closed All Day.

Sunday, 1 Jan. — Library Closed All Day.

Sunday, 8 Jan. 2017 — "Finding Census Records on Ancestry.com." Instructor: Nancy Brennan. 2:00 P.M., SAGHS Annex.

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

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Saturday, 21 Jan. — General Membership Meeting, 10:00 A.M., SAGHS Annex. Topic: The Toepperweins: A Sharpshooting Couple from San Antonio, Speaker: author, Tim Price.

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, 20 November 2016 — "DNA". **Instructor: Kurt Kneeland.** Besides a review of the basics, this class will focus on some intermediate to advanced approaches to making those autosomal DNA cousin connections. Topics will include the X factor (matching segments on the chromosome), 3rd party analysis tools (GEDMatch), triangulation, circles, and cousins-in-common.



Sunday, 11 December 2016 — **"Read All About It! Finding Genealogy Gems in Newspapers." Instructor: Julia George.** A beginner to intermediate level class presenting the Who, What, When, Where, and How of searching newspapers online for information about our ancestors. Some online sites and tips for searching them will be included.


The New York Times.

ARMISTICE SIGNED, END OF THE WAR! BERLIN SEIZED BY REVOLUTIONISTS; NEW CHANCELLOR BEGS FOR ORDER; OUSTED KAISER FLEES TO HOLLAND

Sunday, 8 January 2017 — **"Finding Census Records on Ancestry.com." Instructor: Nancy Brennan.** A beginner level course to provide an overview of using the subscription website *Ancestry.com*. Particular attention in the class will be toward accessing and analyzing U.S. census records on *Ancestry.com*. The U.S. has performed a population census every ten years since 1790.



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



Nancy Wright Brennan

2016 Honoree
Texas Genealogical College Hall of Fame

Nancy Wright Brennan is a native of San Antonio and a graduate of Our Lady of the Lake University. She had a twenty six year career with the City of San Antonio, retiring in 1997. She has served three terms as President of the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society and was President of the Texas State Genealogical Society. She was the Registrar General of The National Huguenot Society and presently serves as its Genealogist General. She is President of the Huguenot Society of Texas. She was the Regent of San Antonio de Bexar Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and served as a State Chairman and National Vice Chairman of Volunteer Genealogists.

The Texas Genealogical Hall of Fame recognizes those who have served as leaders in State and National lineage and genealogical organizations, who have authored a book, or who are Certified Genealogists.

Annual Excess Book Sale a Huge Success!



Thanks to our volunteers who arranged the books and to our members who purchased them.

NEW MEMBERS

Michael Coker

Robert Garcia

Kathrine Hall

Kathy Rhoads

Bruce Shackelford

Jennifer Walters

Jane Williams

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

MEMORIALS

Harold Lamascus
Brother of Linda Woodworth

Carrie Serena Perez
Sister-in-law of Dorothy Perez

Ruby Robinson
Member and wife of Earl Robinson

Irma May Webb
Member

Rita Elaine Woodward
Member and
SAGHS President (1997-1999)

Donations to Memorials help purchase books and databases for our library.

You may submit memorial donations in person or by mail to the library. Many thanks to all our donors.

Assistance for Lineage Applications

Do you wish to honor an ancestor/patriot by listing him/her with a national or regional organization? Would you like to have your research reviewed and authenticated? Why not apply to a historical lineage society?

SAGHS member Larry Luckett will be at the library on the second Wednesday evening of each month (4:30 P.M.—8:30 P.M.) to answer your questions and assist with lineage society research and applications. Contact Larry by email at *publications@txsaghs.org* to verify an appointment and availability.

Larry is a member of the SAGHS First Families, The Sons of the American Revolution, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and reviews applications for the Sons of the American Revolution. This is a free benefit for members.

JIM GARRETT WINS QUILT

At the Fall Seminar we held the raffle for the 2016 quilt and the wall hanging. Jim Garrett won the beautiful hand-sewn quilt while Rushelle Mason walked away with the donated wall hanging.



We appreciate the effort the talented ladies of the Quilt Committee contributed to creating this lovely quilt. They have already begun the quilt for 2017. Funds raised in the raffle go to the SAGHS general fund to support society operations.

Building and Grounds



David Ringer is the "Building" part of our Building and Grounds Committee Chair Pair, taking care of routine (and some non-routine) maintenance while coordinating with contractors for the rest. He is assisted by the other half of our committee chair pair, Merri Murphy. Together they address the issues that arise to maintain a 90-year old residence that houses our library and society functions. Your dues support keeping our library open, dry, and lit for patron use, but additional volunteer effort is needed and always appreciated. To volunteer, e-mail your name and availability to

askus@txsaghs.org.

GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY

Our grounds, shrubs, and bushes have enjoyed the warmer weather we had in October to provide a growth spurt to weeds, leaves and limbs. You're encouraged to stop by any day to pull a few (or a lot) weeds, but we're planning a group work day for either 3 or 10 December, depending on the weather. Check the website for an announcement on the date and time, or send an email to let us know you want to work, and we'll notify you when we mobilize to the yard. Thanks!

Texas State Genealogical Society
2016 Writing Awards Program

SAGHS Authors recognized as BEST IN TEXAS!

Category III: Manuscript by a Non-Professional Writer

1st Place: **Larry W. Luckett,** "Bettie McCrocklin Carnal Loved Texas So Much…." *Our Heritage*, vol. 56, nos. 1&2, pp. 13-31.

Category III: Manuscript by a Professional Writer

1st Place: **Cynthia M. Kennedy, PhD.,** "Separated Long Enough to be Divorced from Each Another: Correlating Direct and Indirect Evidence to Reveal the Life of Thomas Benton Bronaugh, *Our Heritage*, vol. 57, nos. 1&2, pp. 5-22.

2nd Place: **Nancy W. Brennan,** "Robert Weakley Brahan: Nineteenth-Century San Antonio Citizen," *Our Heritage*, vol. 57, nos. 1&2, pp. 23-28.

Category VII: Books Published by Partner Societies

3rd Place: Bexar County, Texas, Divorces 1901-1903: Abstracted from Court Records and Newspapers, compiled by **Nancy W. Brennan.**

SAGHS Website awarded 1st Place

Category I: Website for a Partner Society

Produced under the direction of the SAGHS Webmaster **Leslie Tomlinson**

Our Heritage awarded 3rd Place

Category VI: Official Periodicals of Partner Societies / Journals

Our Heritage is produced under the direction of the SAGHS publication committee: Nancy Brennan, Barbara Froebel, Helen Parker, **Larry Luckett** (editor), **Julia George** (indexer), **Charles Brussells** (graphic designer), and Kitty Massey (chairman).

Thanks to the following authors who contributed to the award-winning *Our Heritage* this year:

Nancy Wright Brennan	Barbara Froebel	Larry W. Luckett	William A. Myers
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James Earl	Cynthia M. Kennedy	Steve Mabie	